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H. P. DIMMOCK, M.D., *Lieut. Colonel*, I.M.S.,
Principal, GRANT MEDICAL COLLEGE.
Bombay, 30th January, 1907.

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THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Club will be held in the Club House on THURSDAY the 28th February, 1907, at 6-30 P.M.

SYDNEY COPE,
Honry. Secretary.
26TH JANUARY, 1907.

NOTICE.

TIMBER SLEEPERS.

WITH regard to the Railway Board's call for tenders for 50,000 TIMBER SLEEPERS for the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway, tenderers will please note the following corrections :—

(i) In paragraph 1 of the original notice, instead of delivery to begin by May 15th and to be completed by June 1st 1907 " *read* " delivery to be completed by 1st August, 1907."

(ii) At end of paragraph 6 of original notice, instead of " F. O. R. at Howrah " *read* " F. O. R. at Calcutta."

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1. To receive and consider the report of the Directors and the audited accounts for the year ending 31st May last.
2. To Sanction the declaration of a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation.
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BOMBAY 16th JANUARY, 1907.

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Ajut in .....614 Curtis .....F F Cambell & Co
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VESSELS IN DOCK—Jan. 30.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date	Agents.
A	Petronella					
B	City of Agra	3096	Browne	Kochi	3-2	K Nixon & Co
C&R	Combusa	3055	Stevenson	Antwerp	3-2	M M & Co
F	Bombay Maru	3 99	Ishikawa	Japan	2-2	N Y Kaisha
H	Torridge	2474	Venning	N P	19-2	J M & Co
K	Tokio	2481	Cara	Hull	8-2	P Muir & Co
O	Aeronia	2905	Galin	Genoa	8-2	F Morrison & Co
P	Clydesdale	2758	Lundberg	Antwerp	1-2	K N & Co
Q	Knutsford	2889	Richardson	Liverpool	9-2	T M & Co

H W P D

Pavani	552	Esmail	Bingar	2	B S N Co
Sabarmati	524	Mohamad	Mokra	1-2	B S N Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

1	Okara	3432	Dagge	Kobe	31-1 M M & Co
2	Puttiala	1927	MacLean	Zibar	30-1 M M & Co
3	Olympia	3269	Osborne	Liverpool	31-1 W & A G & Co
4	Somerset	2379	Rowe	Havre	2-2 K Nixon & Co
5	Comedian	2412	Pottinger	Newport	2-2 W & A G & Co
6	Clan Mcolonga	976	Sterling	London	9-2 F Muir & Co
7	Bohemia	2511	Dabscovich	Trieste	1-2 A Lloyd's S N Co
8	Ilford	2751	Mokenzie	Antwerp	9-2 T Morrison & Co
	Jebel Sinai	3828	Goldsmith	Calcutta	212 P & O Co
12	Ossaba	3504	Hayward	London	2-2 P & O Co
14	Lhasa	941	Hirst	Karachi	1-2 M M & Co
14	Africa	1267	Uthoh		M M & Co
15	Binavon	2448	Thomson	D'kirk	9-2 Turner M & Co
16	Loughlips	2243	Sasker	N'port	8-2 W & A G & Co

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
29	Lindenfels s	Kenneweg	Hamburg Dec 24
30	Dumra s	Hirst	Karachi January 28

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
30	Nerita s	Carrick	Karachi
	Barsafels s	Stuartson	Calcutta
	Sofala s	Shepherd	Rangoon &c
	Hoseinee s	Jenkins	Persian Gulf &c
	Secunder s	Main	Mauritius &c

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday :—
Steamer Good Hope Harding for Calcutta.
" Dumra McMartaid for Persian Gulf &c

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—
Steamer Sydney for Australia &c
" Ayathla for Bangkok &c
" Loodiana for Calcutta &c

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	From
26	Umhloti	Calcutta
28	Warora	Bombay

DAILY EXPORTS.—JAN. 30.

FOR LIVERPOO

Knutsford s—500 cwts myrabollams, Ebjee Oomersey, 501 cwts myrabollams, Arjoon Khimjee ; 3000 cwts myrabollams, G Madhowji and Co.

Olympia s—1 bale wool, D Nagjee, 27 bales wool, R Rampratap,

FOR LONDON.

Oceana s—4 bales skins and 10 bales hides, W and A Graham and Co ; 31 bales skins, R M Kooka ; 6 cases bristles, J A Begbie and Co ; 3 cwts nuxvomica, R Jeewandas and Co ; 10 cases cardamom seed, M Lalji, 9 bales hides and skins, Ewart Latham and Co ; 9 bales hides and skins, M J Joomabhoy and Co.

FOR LEITH.

Conischiffe s—20001 cwts cotton seeds, Arjoon Khimji.

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Oceana s—1 bundle woollen carpets, G P Stavrides and Company.

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FOR HAMBURG.

Binavon s—60 bales hemp M Parbhoodas.

FOR HULL.

Ilford s—33 cwts castorseeds, and 262 cwts cottonseeds M Valabdas.

Bordarer s—6000 cwts cottonseed, Arjoon Khimjee ; 173 cwts cottonseeds, W Beechar ; 669 cwts cotton seeds, K Dewkaran.

Tokio s—8060 cwts cottonseed Killick Nixon and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Binavon s—3078 cwts cottonseed, M Valabdas ; 18001 cwts cottonseed, David Sassoon and Co ; 101 cwts gum, J Nurbheram, 200 cwts gum G Sajpal,

Bordarer—s 20 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.

Ephanotes s—440 bales cotton, Bamji and Co.

Epethanotis s—165 bales cotton, Bamjee and Co,

FOR HAVRE.

Broom s—300 bales cotton, Ralli Bros ; 2100 cwts crushed bones, Moolji Jamal ; 2000 cwts linseed, 2000 cwts gingellyseed 2000 cwts rapeseed Volkart Bros ; 999 cwts gingellyseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 250 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Mombassa s—112 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers ; 500 tons, manganese ore, Burn and Co ; 125 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

Ilford s—275 bales cotton The Bombay Company ; 110 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co ; 220 bales cotton, F F Campbell and Co ; 100 cwt gum, P Jethabhoy.

Torridge s—1000 cwts gingellyseed, and 200 cwts mustardseed, Volkart Bros ; 5100 cwts gingell seed John Fachiri ; 2001 cwts linseed and 1506 cwts gingellyseed, E D Sassoon and Co ; 6003 cwt gingellyseed, S C Italiann.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Petronia s—2550 cwts groundnuts, 6999 cwts gingelly seed, E D Sassoon and Co ; 3800 cwts crushed bones, Moolji Jamal.

FOR TRIESTE.

Bohemia s—27 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR GENOA.

Anconia s—302 bales cotton, Ralli Bros ; 200 bales cotton, Sorabjee and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Banca s—100 cwt shankins, N Visram.

Bombay Maru s—300 bales twist, Tata and Co ; 1000 cwt onion R E Da lachanji.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Bombay Maru s—175 bales twist, C Bhawanidas.

FOR OSAKA.

Bombay Maru s—400 bales cotton, Tata and Co ; 400 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Bombay Maru s—100 bales cotton, P Visram and Co,

FOR MELBORNE

Sydney s—100 bales cotton, Greaves cotton and Co,

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

SECURITIES—			
2½ per cent. Consols	87	=	unchanged
3 per cent. Rentes	95	=	plus 1/4
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	103 3/4	=	plus 1/16
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	64 13/16	=	—1/16
SILVER—			
Spot in London	31 3/8	=	—1/8
2 months hence	31 1/2	=	—1/8
Spot in New York	67 7/8	=	—3/8
EXCHANGES—			
Paris cheques	25-22 1/2	=	plus 1/2
Berlin cheques	20-51 3/4	=	unchanged
New York Demand	4-85 1/8	=	—1/4
DISCOUNTS—			
Bank of England	5	pr. ct. =	unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	4 3/4	do. =	"
6 months' sight Bank Bills	4 3/8	do. =	"
4 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	5 1/8	do. =	"
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	5 1/4	do. =	"
INTEREST—			
Day to day loans	4 3/4	=	"
7 day market loans	4 7/8	=	"

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £75,000.
Extra Council Bills allotments Transfers on Bombay Rs. 3,00,000 at 1s 4 2/32d
SUGAR—
German granulated double bags Cf. India 11/6 Mar-April value quiet.
WHEAT—Firm
RAPESEED—
Yellow Guzerat 46 April-May value steady
Yellow Cawnpore 45 3/4 March-April sellers steady
Brown 43 1/2 April-May sellers steady
LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 42 1/4—1/2 Jan.-Feb. buyers quiet
COPPER—
Coffee in New York 7 ·
ARRIVALS—
Steamers, "Tweedale" "Chanda"

IN LIVERPOOL—			
Cotton Market closed			quiet
East Indian			dull
Manchester			steady
Total Sales			8,000
Spot			5-91
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown			10 3-8
Sold on speculation and for Export			1,000
Imports			34,000
Futures closed			steady
Jan.-Feb. 5-54	Feb.-Mar. 5-51	Mar.-April 5-49	
—1	—1	—1	
April-May. 5-49	May-June. 5-48	June-July. 5-47	
—1	—1	—1	
July-Aug. 5-45	Aug.-Sep. 5-29	Sept.-Oct. 5 36	
—1	—2	—2	
Receipts at U. S. Ports			66,000 bales
Do. last year			30,000 "
Exports to Great Britain			36,000 "
Do. do Continent			20,000 "
IN NEW YORK—			
Spot			11·00
Futures, month of March			9·32—9
Do. do. July			9·36—9

Declined owing to week cables and to bear pressure and bulls unloading.

IN NEW ORLEANS—	
Spot	10 9/16
Futures, month of March	10·21—7
Do. do. July	10·35—6
Tone at close	steady

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours ending 6 p.m., on 29th January :—

Cotton	..	..	..	28,322 bales.
Wheat	..	..	..	4,956 cwts.
Linseed	..	..	..	1,554 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	..	..	..	1,650 do
Gingellyseed	..	..	..	29,084 do
Poppyseed	..	..	..	184 do
Groundnuts	..	..	..	3,733 do
Castorseed	..	..	..	652 do
Rice	..	..	..	3,791 do
Myrabollams	..	..	..	9,002 do
Cottonseed	..	..	..	38,363 do
Mowrseed	..	..	..	nil do
Gram	..	..	..	2,996 do
Joowar	..	..	..	1,980 do
Maize	..	..	..	17 do

BOMBAY, WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Receipts of cotton continue on a very heavy scale at the U.S. ports and the large exports to Europe are also maintained, Quotations received this morning show no change in spot, but a small decline is announced in futures. In our local market there is no change to record, January shipments are almost completed and the demand for ready cotton is slack. In forward delivery quotations are unaltered with a small demand chiefly from shippers. Early arrivals of new Broach are coming to market and fetch fancy prices.

Sterling exchange closes firm with a partial rise of one-third second, The Government paper bazaar is fairly active in view of to-morrow's settlement. Budlees are reported at about 5 to 6 annas in favour of sellers for end of February delivery.

Shares are quiet.

Petits	Rs.	3,530
Davids	"	430
Bank of Bombay	"	1,342 1/2

EXCHANGE.—Tone firm.

Bank T. T.	...1s. 4 1/8d. to 5/32d.
Bank Demand	...1s. 4 5/32d. to 3/16d.
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A.	1s. 4 7/16d. to 15/32d.
Do. 6 do. do.	...1s. 4 19/32d. to 5/8.
French Francs 3 m/s D A	... 172 1/4
Marcks 3 do. do.	... 141
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	... 161
Shanghai 30 do. do.	... 219 1/2
Japan 30 do. do.	... 148½

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone unsettled.

Cash	...	...	Rs. 97 0 0
1st Settlement, 31st January	...	...	" 97 0 0
2nd Do. 27th February	...	...	" 97 5 0

MONEY MARKET.—Tone firm,

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since	17th	Jan. 5	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do.	13th	Dec. 9	do.
Bank of Bengal do.	6th	do. 9	do.
Bank of Madras do.	15th	Jan. 9	do.

SEEDS—

Linseed.—Tone steady.		
Ready	...	Rs. 7-0-0
Forward Apl.-May	...	Rs. 7-0-0
Rapeseed.—Tone steady.		
Brown Cawnpore, Ready	...	Rs. 7 3-0
Do. Delhi Forward April-May	...	Rs. 7-3-0
Poppyseed.—Tone steady.		
Ready	...	Rs. 10-4-0
Forward April-May	...	Rs. 8-6-0
Castorseed —Tone dull.		
Ready	...	Rs. 38-8-0
Forward April-May	...	Rs. 35-0-0
Gingellyseed.—Tone quiet.		
15 per cent. Mixed	...	Rs. 49-0-0
25 " "	...	Rs. 48-0-0
50 " "	...	Rs. 47-0-0
Black Kittoor	...	Rs. 41-8-0
Wheat.—Tone quiet,		
White Delhi, April-May		... Rs. 5-8-6.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

	Fine.	F-G	Good.	Delivery.
Bengal, H. 3. (Ry. terms)	169	158	..	Ready.
Bengals, M. G (Ry terms)	174	164	..	do
S. Punjab M G	174	164	..	do
Comrawattee (descriptions) M-G	205	199	..	do
Khandeish (M-G)	188	182	..	do.
Julgaum (M G)	190	184	..	do
Akola Ehangaum, fair staple (M-G)	204	198	..	do
Karanja do	203	197	..	do
Yeotmal (M. G.)	216	210	..	do
Dhamangaum and Poolgaum M-G	214	208	..	do
Nagpur Kamptee (M-G)	222	216	..	do
Broach (M.G.)	252	..	238	Mar. 25
Muttia (M. G)	181	171	..	Ready.
(M. G.) Barampore	202	194	..	do
M. G. Wardox Hinganghat	222	217	..	do

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	quiet but steady.
Estimated sales	8,000 bales.
Imports	47,000 "

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.
5·52	5·48	5·47
—2	—3	—2
Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July.
5·46	5·46	5·45
—3	—2	—2
July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.
5·42	5·37	5·34
—3	—2	—2

KARACHI FREIGH MARKET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, JANUARY 30.

Freights.—The market has been a little more active this week and shippers have paid somewhat higher rates for certain ports. The volume of business passing is still very restricted, but the feeling is better, and there is more inclination to book parcels. Wheat markets upcountry are firmly maintained and complaints are being made of the want of more rain. As previously advised business cannot move more freely unless holders of wheat reduce their prices.

Engagements.—The Ellerman Lines, Liverpool, February. 1,500 tons, at 16s, March 2,500 tons at 15s. 6d. ; London, March, 2,000 tons at 16s. 6d. The Wilson Line, Hull steamship "Hindoo" 444 tons at 16s. ; the steamship "Mikado" 3,000 tons at 16s, The Hansa Line Humburg 1,000 tons, June, at 15s. 6d. ; 1,500 tons July at 15s.

Charters.—Steamship "King Robert," Antwerp, early February, at 16s. 3d.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender, is Re 1 for six lines or less and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

RAJKOT.

BIRTH.

JACKSON—January 28, at Rajkot, the wife of Major T Jackson, I. M. S., of a son.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

DALY—January 23, at 7, Hastings Street, Calcutta, to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Daly, a son.

DUNDAS—January 16, at Bhagalpur, the wife of B. T. Dundas, Bengal Police, of a daughter.

SWANN—January 25, at Unao, to Mr. and Mrs. F. S. P. Swann I. C. S., a son.

DEATHS.

MCSWINEY—January 21, at Amballa, Col. E. P. H. McSwiney, C. B., D. S. O., Commanding Amballa Cavalry Brigade.

SHERWOOD—January 24, at Roorki, after a short illness, Harold Joseph Sherwood, Major, Royal Engineers, 1st P. W. O. Sappers and Miners, aged 41,

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h. 14m.; Sun sets, 6h. 31m.; High water 0-36m., 0-27a ; Low water, 6-33m., 6-17a.
H. E. the Governor returns to Bombay from Calcutta 9 a.m.
Bombay-Burmah Trading Corporation, annual meeting Apollo Street, 3 p.m.
Municipal Corporation, 3-39 p. m.
Recital of Sacred Music, Cathedral, 6-15 p.m.
Bombay Gymkhana, special general meeting, 6-30 p.m.
Harmston's Circus, opens to-night at 9-15.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Lamu, Mombasa, Uganda and Zanzibar per extra s. s. Patiala will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 p.m, to-day.

A PUBLIC LECTURE.—Mr. Khursedjee J. B. Wadia, will deliver a public lecture in English at the Theosophical Hall, 21 Hornby Road, this evening at 6-30 p.m. Subject : Some Thoughts on Sickness and Death. Mr. J. J. Vimadalal will preside.

THE WESTRALIA SYNDICATE.—An extraordinary meeting of the Westralia Mount Morgans Syndicate, Limited, was held in the office of its agents, Messrs. Payne, Gilbert, Sayani and Moos, Solicitors, in Esplanade Road, Bombay, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Vijbhukhandas Atmaram presided. The reason for convening the meeting was, that the Company having sold its mine to the Westralia Mount Morgan Gold Mines Company, Limited, it was deemed useless to carry on this Company any longer : hence it was resolved to wind it up by voluntary liquidation. Mr. H. A. H. Payne was appointed liquidator.

SHARES IN AURANGABAD MILLS.—In the office of Mr. A. K. Oliver, Master in Equity, Taxing Master, and Commissioner, one hundred and twenty-eight shares the nominal value of Rs. 1000 each, in the Aurangabad Mills, Limited, were put up for sale by auction yesterday, afternoon. They belonged to Mr. Cumbhumpand Ackilandaiya, a Brahmin and a Barrister-at-Law, at present of Aurangabad, in the territory of H. H. the Nizam of Hyderabad. Pursuant to a decree passed by Mr. Justice Scott on 29th March last, in the suit of the Aurangabad Mills vs. Ackilandaiya, and confirmed on appeal by Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice Beaman, on 4th September, the shares were sold. Five lots of twenty-five shares each, and a sixth lot of three shares, were made in order to afford facility to the small number of buyers present. All the lots were knocked down, one after another, to Mr. Chimanlal Nagindas, the aggregate value obtained for them being Rs. 13,160, which was a little more that one-tenth of the fully-paid-up value.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Arab Stabbing Affray.

An Arab, 'fakir' named Abdulla Abdul Hamiz last night demanded some money of one Shah Mohideen, also an Arab and a dealer in horses, when the latter was walking along the Duncan Road. Shah Mohideen refused to give him anything, as only a few days ago he had given him alms. The "fakir" became persistent in his demand, saying he badly wanted a rupee. Shah Mohideen refused to have anything to do with him. However, he advised the 'fakir' to apply to other Arab merchants. Being disappointed the 'fakir' drew out a knife and stabbed Shah Mohideen on the throat. It is said that had not Mohideen drawn himself back in time, he would probably have received a fatal wound. However, he received a slight cut on his throat. He ran away but was chased by the infuriated 'fakir.' A pedestrian named Ahmad who witnessed the occurrence went to seize the 'fakir' and deprived him of his knife. But the 'fakir' drew out another knife from his pocket, with which he tried to assault Ahmed, who warded off the blow directed at him. P. C 687-e however, succeeded in disarming the 'fakir' and in arresting him. Mohideen, as also the accused, were taken to the J. J. Hospital. It appeared that while chasing Mohideen the accused tripped and fell and broke his nose.

SERIOUS RIDING ACCIDENT.

A Magistrate Rendered Unconscious.

At about eight o'clock yesterday morning, Mr. Kursandas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, was riding a mare along the Gowalia Tank Road, and when near Forgett Street, the animal suddenly became restive and threw her rider on to the road. Mr. Kursandas fell heavily and was rendered unconscious, in which condition he was picked up by two Parsee gentlemen and taken to his bungalow at Napean Sea Road, where medical aid was immediately summoned. Mr. Kursandas is at present under treatment, progressing favourably.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IN BOMBAY.

A correspondent writes :—" Did an Earth Tremor pass through the Island on Sunday night and Monday morning ? Apparently there was a shock, as on Bandra Hill a clock (a pendular instrument high up on a wall) suddenly stopped and on being examined it was found that the pendulem was jammed against the case and as soon as released the clock went perfect of itself. At the same time about 6·20 a.m. a plate tumbled off a wall bracket. We should like to know whether any tremor was recorded on the instruments at Colaba."

FOR THE SESSIONS.

Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, committed one Salandin Karimbuksh, and a Mahomedan woman named Fatmabai, to take their trial at the ensuing Sessions of the High Court, on a charge of kidnapping Mariambi, a girl under 16 years of age from her lawful guardianship, with the object of inducing her to lead an immoral life. Inspector Draper was in charge of the case.—In another case three accused persons named Dawood Chund, Gaffoor Jaffer and Kumbarali Abdul Hoosan were also sent up to the Sessions for trial for breaking into the shop of Syed Nasserali Syed Asudulls, a jeweller at the Bhindi Bazar Road, and for stealing 169 gold, silver and metal watches besides rings and other trinkets of the collective value of Rs. 1,500. The first two accused were old offenders. Inspector Canty arrested the accused and recovered over 130 watches.

THE CORPORATION AGAIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Had a carriage or any other accident taken place in the Bombay Streets last night, owing to the Cimmerian darkness, would the Municipality be responsible for damages ? To my intense astonishment, I learn that the Bombay Municipality do not light the Street lamps at night, when the Municipal Almanac declares that life, limb and property are under the guardianship of the moon. They, I presume, trust to a kindly Providence to keep that Luminary in proper trim for the encouragement of Municipal parsimony, and at the same time to enable that worthy Body to wriggle out of the onus of some ghastly accident, should such take place. Last night the streets were positively dangerous as Providence had, doubtless only for the moment, forgotten the Municipal needs and smitten its big lamp with partial paralysis.—Yours, &c, ITERUM.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

HIGH COURT DECREES.

SUIT AGAINST AN AN ABSCONDING AGENT.

IN the Bombay High Court, on Tuesday, before the Hon. Mr. Justice Davar, the case of W. J. Glover and Co. Limited, against J. C. Margetson, an agent, was disposed of. Mr. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs Little and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs. Defendant was absent. Counsel said that the defendant was agent for the sale of electric cables and wire coils and so forth, which were the plantiffs' property. On a particular day, the plaintiffs terminated his agency, and asked him to send in a statement of, the stock-in-hand. Before the goods could be taken charge of he absconded ; creditors levied attachments on the goods. By order of the Court, the premises were opened, and the goods discovered there were valued through Turner, Hoare and Co. Giving credit for the goods found, which were valued at £254-9-3, there was discovered a differenec between it, and the goods he ought to have handed over to his principals as the true balance, of £439-15-4, or at Rs. 15 to the £1, Rs. 6,596-8, for which a decree was prayed for with interest and costs. The learned counsel called Mr. Framji S. Mehta, a solicitor, who is an assistant in the firm of the solicitors employed by the plaintiffs. Witness deposed to several details. Counsel also called Mr. R. S. Hubbell, an assistant in Turner, Hoare and Co., who stated that the valuations of the goods discovered in the defendant's place were fair and proper ones.

Decree, with interest and costs, was passed against the defendant.

MONIES LENT ON PROMISSORY NOTES.

Before the same Judge, another short cause—D. B. Lam and Co. vs. G. M. Prichard—was disposed of. It was a claim for Rs. 1,850, for moneys lent by the plaintiffs to the defendant, on three promissory notes. Mr. P. J. Padshah, instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs. Defendant was absent. The Judge inquired what was "Received on account of Bombay expenses ?"

"Mr. Padshah : Yes, my Lord, "Bombay expenses"; he was short of money and we advanced to him the money, and this was Bombay expenses." Decree was given with interest and costs.

GOODS SENT TO CAIRO.

In the suit of Dalsukhbhoy Fulchand against Umar Mahomed Bajuyed, a merchant of Cairo, in Egypt, Mr. D. B. Motiwala, instructed by Mr. M. B. Chothia, reported that service had been refused by the defendant from Cairo. Plaintiff said that he was a commercial and commission agent. Among other places, merchant and commission agent. Among other places, he had transacted business with the cities of Buseh, Alexandria, and Cairo. To the defendant he had forwarded goods in Cairo, in accordance with the terms of his agency agreement. The transactions began at the end of May 1904, and continued for some months. Defendant's custom was to send remittances by means of cheques in sterling—such as, fifty guineas, hundred guineas, and so forth. On the 11th October 1906, the balance standing against him was Rs. 4,003.

Decree was given for Rs. 3,673 principal, Rs 330 interest, and costs.

AN ALLEGED PREMATURE SUIT.

The suit of Puranmal Gulji Singhani against Merwanji Hormasji Modi was called on before the same Judge. The Hon. Mr. Setalvad, instructed by Messrs. Dixit, Dhanjishah and Sundardas, appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. P. J. Padshah, instructed by Messrs. Shamrao, Minocheher, and Harilal, appeared for the defendant. Mr. Setalvad said the claim was for monies advanced at 12 per cent interest: defendant had handed over a French Bond of liete de Francaise in part-satisfaction of the debt. By the sale of the bond, plaintiff expected to realise about Rs. 500.

Mr. Padshah said that as there was no express stipulation by agreement between the parties to charge the enhanced rate of interest the plaintiff had charged, plaintiff was not entitled to charge more than six per cent per annum, in accordance with a recent decision of the Privy Council. The other point was that the suit was premature : the arrangement was to sell the bond, and then to demand the balance of the debt from the Defendant. The bond fetched Rs. 167, six-monthly, and is worth Rs. 5,000, and more.

Mr. Setalvad : But they were accumulations of interest, allowed to go on accumulating for a long time. To cut the matter short, I will prove that the defendant had admitted the claim in writing. And as to interest, the rate of twelve per cent., charged to the defendant can be proved from the accounts.

Mr. Justice Davar : What is the present market value, Mr. Padshah ?

Mr. Padshah : Two thousand, my Lord ; but the bond is generally valued at much more.

Mr. Justice Davar : According to you, the bond appears to be a more valuable security than the plaintiff estimates it to be. The best course would be for you to take a decree, which I will pass in the plaintiff's favour, subject to his giving up your bond to you on your satisfying the decree. Then you might send your bond for sale to Paris to the Syndicate through a Bank, or to Tonquin in Indo-China, to which it relates.

There was some further discussion, after which Mr. Setalvad read the letter the defendant had written, in the presence of Mr. Dhanjishah, of the firm of the plaintiff's solicitors, admitting the claim with the interest charged.

Mr. Justice Davar kept back the case for some time. A consultation was held between the parties and counsel : the result was that a decree for Rs. 7,027 was passed for the plaintiff, with the interest he had charged, and costs. On satisfaction of the decree the bond was to be returned to the defendant. The decree was given by consent of the parties.

CRUELTY OF A HUSBAND.

Wife's Claim for Maintenance.

In the High Court, Their Lordships the Hon'ble Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chandavarkar, disposed of yesterday in second appeal, a suit instituted by the appellant, (original Plaintiff), Bai Jamna, against the original Defendant and respondent, Sheth Gordhanbhai Chotabhai, for the recovery of separate maintenance. Mr. Branson with Mr. T. R. Desai, appeared for the appellant, the respondent being represented by the Advocate General with Mr. Ratanlal.

The original suit was decided by the First Class Subordinate Judge of Ahmedabad, who partly awarded the Plaintiff's claim for maintenance. The allegations of the plaintiff were that about 23 years ago she contracted Natra with the Defendant, and that she thereafter lived with him as his lawfully wedded wife; that the Defendant married another wife about 6 years ago; that he so cruelly beat her that blood ran out of her head : that she thereupon complained to the Police and was furnished with a certificate by the Civil Hospital and that she is now living at her brother's house and that her return to her husband's protection would involve danger to her life.

The defendant contended that he never turned her out of his house; that she voluntarily left his house and does not return to his protection though requested to do so.

The parties seemed to have lived in harmony with each other for 16 years, on the expiration of which the defendant married another wife, Bai Mani. This fresh marriage caused a rupture between them. There had been quarrels and disagreement since the date of Mani's marriage and for the last 6 or 7 years. These quarrels ended in an assault by the defendant on the plaintiff at which the latter was grievously hurt. The defendant is a self-willed and obstinate person. It is more than probable that he struck his wife, the plaintiff, with a log of wood on her head and blood began to run out profusely from it. This has been proved as much by the evidence of the plaintiff and her witnesses as by other documentary evidence in the case. Plaintiff was sent to the Civil Surgeon for treatment.

On a consideration of the whole evidence in the case, the Subordinate Judge held that the treatment of the defendant amounted to the exercise of such violence as would render it unsafe for the plaintiff to live with her husband, that plaintiff was fully justified in leaving her husband's house and entitled to claim separate maintenance from him according to law (I.L.R. 1 Bombay 164 and 173) The case coming on for hearing in second appeal, Their Lordships observed that the charge of cruelty has been made out. Their Lordships do not think that in the circumstances of the case, the authorities that have been cited as to the insufficiency of a single act of cruelty have any application ; because here there was distinct violence, which would cause a reasonable apprehension of future danger.

The only question therefore is whether their Lordships should vary the decree of the Judge so far as he only allows Rs. 10 as maintenance and Rs. 15 a year for the rent of a house.

It appears to their Lordships that both these sums are very small under the circumstances of the case, because they are not dealing with a widow, but with a wife who has been forced to leave her husband's house by cruelty, and their Lordships accordingly raised the maintenance to Rs. 12 a month and directed that a further sum of Rs. 3 a month be allowed for rent.

Their Lordships gave the appellant the costs of the suit.

SELF-INCRIMINATING STATEMENTS LEADING TO DISCOVERY.

ON the Appellate Side of the High Court the Hon. Mr. Justice Batty and the Hon. Mr. Justice Pratt have disposed of an appeal in a case against Madhowjee Meghjee and two others, who were convicted by Mr. Kursondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate of Bombay, of house-breaking by night, theft in a building and abetment thereof, and were sentenced each to twelve months' rigorous imprisonment, two of which were to be in solitary confinement. Mr. M. B. Chaubal, Government Pleader, appeared for the Crown.

It appeared that the three appellants, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, were charged with having, on the 19th October last, committed house-breaking by night and theft of certain ornaments, the property of the complainant, Khimjee Jaitha, while accused No. 4 Mammoo Nursey, (who did not appeal) was charged with having dishonestly received stolen property. Assused 4 admitted the fact of certain ornaments being found with him at 5 o'clock on the morning of the 19th October. He, however, said that while he was returning to his

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SOCIALISM IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WHETHER or no the professed establishment of states on the communistic model is nearer of realisation than it was, Socialism seems to be on the eve of considerable triumphs in the arena of European politics. Not to mention the growing strength of the Labour and Socialistic parties in France and Germany, we can discover considerable grounds for apprehension in England alone. Even supposing that the Labour party is not destined to be a permanent factor in the political organisation of the country, the present influence of the serried ranks mustered by Mr. Keir Hardie is surely a cause for anxiety. Although the Labour members of the House of Commons have taken a not unimportant part in debates and have rendered considerable services on committees, their sinister influence over the government in the matter of the Trade Disputes Bill is a most regrettable incident, and the administration may well pray to be saved from such dangerous friends as these. But the unexpected has happened. English Liberalism, which both by nature and history favours individualism and is antagonistic to Socialistic principles, has gone over to the Socialistic camp. It is at least very curious to see how Socialism permeates the present House of Commons. Even though no systematic Socialistic system may have gripped the minds of professing Liberals, avowedly Socialistic remedies to mitigate several pressing evils are in the air. This apostacy from the historic Liberal faith cannot fail to dismay all those who feel that the history of Europe during the last three centuries affords remarkable testimony to the efficacy of individual effort in all lines of human progress. The explanation of this unwelcome change in the complexion of Liberal tenets may perhaps partially be found in the fact that the Conservatives have of late adopted so large a portion of the Liberal creed; but whatever the reasons may be, the intelligent classes in the electorate will most probably be alienated from latter-day Liberalism when it finds that the present majority is being utilised to pass into law Socialistic measures of the most pernicious kind. We allude to the recently passed Bill for providing free meals to school children and to the unequivocal resolutions of the Commons in favour of Old Age Pensions and the provision of state employment on a large scale for the unemployed.

Now it can be amply demonstrated that each of these measures, whatever be the motive for their application, would be productive of great, nay incalculable harm to whatsoever nation adopts them as the solution of its most pressing problems. Take first the resolution to supply free meals at the ratepayers' expense to those children whose parents appear to be really necessitous. It is too rashly assumed by the eager reformer that the children who look ill are genuinely hungry and starving. Other conditions, especially in the large towns, will often account for the ill health of the children. Secondly, the parents are only in the very rarest cases genuinely unable to provide their children with food. When in the past, charitable persons or organizations have attempted to assist the poor by the provision of free meals, it has been circumstantially proved by hard facts that the generality of the parents who responded were the drunken and idle who tried to shuffle out of their responsibilities rather than the genuinely necessitous. Pride prevents the self-respecting poor from shirking the most definite of all the responsibilities of parent-hood, and were free meals to become the universal practice— and the present experiment may be only the thin end of the wedge—such self-respect would be very seriously undermined. There is really very little demand for a measure of the kind, but in such matters the supply creates a demand, and one which unfortunately does not correspond with an existent need. We conclude that if relief in this matter of food for school children is to be partial, it will become a farce, for experience shows how farcical inquiry in such cases is bound to become, and the recipients of relief are only too likely to be the least deserving. If on the other hand universal provision of meals is found to be the only possible plan, a great injustice will be dealt to the ratepayers, and the most numerous class of the nation will be brought to relieve themselves of their natural obligations. The deleterious results accruing from the loss of self reliance in the working man, and from the abnegation of his first duty by the head of the family, are too obvious to need comment and too grave to be contemplated with equanimity by any but one who wished his country evil. The provision of Old Age Pensions by the state, in favour of which the House of Commons have declared themselves, is eminently a dangerous socialistic solution of a very thorny if not insoluble problem. Waiving the question of expense, which would be probably an insuperable obstacle to the execution of any such project unless a high protective tariff were expressly introduced to supply the funds, let us direct our attention for a moment to the [illegible] who are the necessitous [illegible] people that should receive a pension, and at what age they should receive it. It is well nigh impossible to draw a legal line between poverty and non-poverty. Supposing all men of sixty-five who are not in possession of ten shillings a week of their own are to be the recipients of the state relief, then a great inducement to refrain from saving a competency will arise. The many lazy individuals who could, but have not, saved more than, say, enough to yield seven shillings a week, will with state support enjoy an aggregate income of twelve, whereas the man of thrift who has denied himself much to assure himself of ten or eleven shillings a week when old age arrives will have that and no more. Such invidious distinctions are sure to lead to gigantic frauds and the moral character of the lower classes will deteriorate. Indeed the difficulty of drawing the line between the necessitous and the non-necessitous, between the deserving, and the non-deserving, would be found so far beyond the administrative resources of the state that most probably the Gordian Knot would be cut by the introduction of universal pensions, which the millionaire would share with the artisan, But even then, apart from the objection that national bankruptcy might ensue, administrative difficulties would arise. For instance, would the pensioner have the right to go on working if he chose? This right would have to be conceded if some persons were allowed to continue receiving income from capital and yet not be debarred from the state allowance. But such a concession would cause a great outcry in the labour market, where the competition of pensioners would be regarded by the younger workers as eminently unfair. These are some of the problems which beset the question of state pensions for the aged, and we are absolutely convinced that no good plan of state support has been yet evolved. Indeed, the problem seems insoluble if merely by reason of the administrative difficulties with which it is surrounded. It is not, however, on this ground chiefly that we object to the proposal. The really final objection to this and kindred schemes is that state socialism involves the destruction of private effort and the sapping of those habits of self-reliance and individual exertion by which alone a people can become and remain great and prosperous.

Precisely the same objection applies to any wide scheme for providing state employment for the unemployed. Whenever this has been attempted it has had disastrous results, as for instance in France in 1848 and in England before 1834, when outdoor relief was given on a large scale. To provide pleasant work for the unemployed inevitably leads to the desertion of their trades by many of the employed, for the one is certain and the other is uncertain. Now if the work provided by the government were of a useful and productive nature there would be less objection, but this would rarely be the case and we should be witnessing the absurd spectacle of hosts of workers frittering away their time and the nation's money in useless toil, while the productive industries which have built up the wealth of the country were being starved and ruined through lack of workers. Thus not only would the manhood and self-reliance of the working classes be sapped, as in the case of other socialistic remedies for current problems, but the decay of the national manufactures would ensue. The whole idea of creating extra employment out of nothing is an economic heresy: for there can be no increase in a nation's wage bill without an increase of that nation's wealth. And it has been already shown that the provision of state employment, so far from increasing the wealth of the country, depletes it most shockingly by bleeding the regular, old-established and productive industries. What takes place is a transference of employment from productive to artificial and unproductive industries. Enough has been said to prove that Socialism cannot solve the problem of the unemployed, and in view of the well-ascertained average worthlessness of the present unemployed class, sentimental sympathy should not be allowed to outweigh the caution which these arguments should engender in all really patriotic politicians. That a problem of the unemployed exists, we are not disposed to deny, but it must be met by methods more practical and less dangerous than these agreeable to the Socialists. Regular employment must, as far as possible, be substituted for irregular; the efforts of reformers must be directed rather to organisation than to charity. Conversely, the workers must study thrift and beget a more serious sense of responsibility. Socialism would undermine and annihilate responsibility, and it is for this reason that all the supporters of individualism—and they include the more intelligent classes and the greatest thinkers—find the Socialistic proclivities of the present Parliament a matter for infinite regret.

FREE TRADE AND BOYCOTT.

THE late Sir Francis Evans, who died the other day, was a typical example of the politician who, while posing as a Liberal, and, we believe, a Free Trader, was, in his own way of business, a firm believer and exponent of the principles of Protection and Retaliation—and Boycott! Sir Francis was a very rich man. He had made his pile as the genius of the Union line of steamships, and when the Union and Castle lines joined hands, Sir Francis became Chairman of the amalgamation. He soon became the leading spirit in the "South African Shipping Ring," which, while drawing considerable annual sums from the Government, used its privileges to harass trade and ruin its competitors by means which are generally only associated with financiers of the type of Mr. Rockefeller. The Ring, as is well-known, was in the habit of granting rebates on shipments. It did not use this unqualified term, preferring the nicer phrase "commission on shipments." These, being paid about fifteen months after they had become due, it will be seen that the Ring had a constant hold on its customers, as any one who left them forfeited his rebate. Many shippers found it to their advantage to let these rebates go, and to ship by the opposition line. This led to a new move, the Ring knowing that unless it could choke competition its monopoly, and the consequent right to charge what it liked, and to handle goods as it liked, would be gone for ever. An instance of the methods of the Ring boycott may be quoted to show the lengths to which the Ring went. A certain shipper had for years been doing a prosperous business with South Africa. He supplied many buyers in that country. When there were no other ships but those of the Ring lines he had of necessity to send all his goods by them, in spite of great dissatisfaction with them. When the opposition line was started by Messrs. R. P. Houston and Company, he seized the opportunity of shipping through them, not for all his goods, but in part. This came to the knowledge of the Ring, and they at once sent him an ultimatum. He must at once cease to ship a shilling's worth in any opposition vessel. At the time he had considerable orders on hand for South Africa, and to his amazement they were all suddenly cancelled. The Ring had been to the Agents of the South African houses who had placed these orders and told them that if they did any business with this gentleman or with anybody connected with him they would be charged double rates for everything they shipped by the Ring lines, whether bought from him or from anybody else. Further, the Ring threatened that if this were not sufficient to bring them to reason these rates would be still further increased. The boycott was thus made to affect the following people, the shipper using the Houston Line; the agent who forwards or ships his goods; the outside people who buy from him; the agents who transmit orders from buyers to him; and anyone who did business with these people. When the gentleman in question came to consider this, he saw that if such threats could be carried into execution it meant the absolute ruin of his business. He was all for fighting the Ring if anything could be done. But the terror the Ring was able to inspire was such that his customers would not wait for the issue of any future result and at once left him. He stood alone, his business gone in a day. However, when he had submitted, his customers were notified that they were now at liberty to buy from him as before. But that was only one instance of the methods of Sir Francis Evans' combination. Similar consternation prevailed four or five years ago in almost every industrial centre in Great Britain from which business to South Africa was transacted. However, such methods might be expected from fine old crusted shipowners, but from one who was supposed to espouse the principles of Free Trade they were, to say the least, a trifle paradoxical.

MR. BRYCE, THE "OUTSIDER."

WHEN Sir Alexander Swettenham offered a rebuff to Admiral Davis, of the American Navy, and by so doing came perilously near annulling all the efforts which Foreign Ministers at Home, and British Ambassadors at Washington, have for years been making to cement the bond of friendship which exists between ourselves and our cousins on the other side, it was noticed that notwithstanding the first vehement attacks upon us in the American Press, the Americans in general refused to allow themselves to get rancorously angry with England over the affair. This was no doubt due in part to the haste with which Mr. Haldane proceeded to offer the *amende honorable* on behalf of both the Foreign and Colonial Offices. But that was not the only reason. America had just learnt of the appointment of Mr. Bryce to be Sir Mortimer Durand's successor at Washington, and, owing to Mr. Bryce's popularity in the United States, the appointment was extremely well received by the American people. It is, therefore, plainly obvious that it was in order not to embarrass Mr. Bryce at the very outset of his ambassadorial career that the American people held their hand, and made a pretence of accepting Mr. Haldane's apology with a good grace. To the fact, therefore, of Mr. Bryce being at the moment British representative at Washington, Sir Alexander Swettenham orders the circumstance that his offer to resign was not accepted. But as will be seen from a Reuter telegram in another column, he has now had to submit to the humiliation of withdrawing his tactless letter to the American Admiral, no doubt at the imperative command of his department at Home. His career, however, will of course end with his term of office as Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of Jamaica, but his debt to Mr. Bryce is probably great, in as much as he will be permitted to retire into oblivion two years hence when the Kingston incident is all but forgotten. It was an ill-men, however, that Mr. Bryce's career as an ambassador should have scarcely commenced when a serious error on the part of one of our representatives should have so nearly set the two nations concerned at deadly loggerheads. Mr. Bryce's career will doubtless be closely watched by Englishmen generally, and with a sinister interest on the part of all those who have even a remote connection with the Foreign Office. When Mr. Bryce's appointment was notified in these columns by Reuter in December we pointed out the intense dissatisfaction which would be felt in the diplomatic service by the appointment. We said: "Even supposing the distinguished members of the Corps Diplomatique will tolerate the promotion of an outsider who never even served as an F. O. junior, and has never held a diplomatic post in his life, to the capital of a white nation, is it probable that an academician close upon seventy years of age can successfully follow in the footsteps of Sir Mortimer Durand in 'one of the most important diplomatic posts, in the world?' That our surmise as to the chagrin which would be felt in certain quarters was entirely justified is borne out by the following passage from the *World* of the last mail:

The appointment of Mr. Bryce to the Washington Embassy is severely resented and fiercely commented on at the St. James's Club, for it takes away a "plum" from the service (including a first class pension and an almost certain knighthood) to give it to an "outsider," and in consequence checks promotion among the higher branches. There was heart-burning enough when Sir Philip Currie and Sir Julian Pauncefote were given Embassies "over the heads" of some half dozen Ministers who thought they had "claims," but at any rate Sir Philip and Sir Julian were of the "F. O.," and so not exactly "outsiders." But Mr. Bryce's only connection with foreign affairs is that twenty years ago he was Under Secretary in Mr. Gladstone's "Short Ministry." He is not even a member of the St. James's Club.

So we fear that unless Mr. Bryce steers clear of the pitfalls which confront him, he will have scant sympathy in certain official haunts in the neighbourhood of Pall Mall.

THE Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Persia left Trieste for Bombay on the afternoon of the 27th instant, and is due here on or about the 17th February.

THE Maharaja Sir Chandra Shamsher Jung, Prime Minister of Nepal, arrives at Calcutta on the 11th of February and will be accommodated at Hastings House.

IT has been decided that Study Leave shall not be taken into account in reckoning the aggregate amount of furlough admissible to Officers of the Indian Medical Service and of the Civil Veterinary Department.

THE statement of traffic on the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway for the week ending 8th December, amounted to Rs. 1,822, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 102. The total earnings from 1st July to 8th December were Rs. 42,581, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 7,569.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti-Valley Railway for the week ending 8th December amounted to Rs. 17,475, being a decrease on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 17,168. The total earnings from 1st July to 8th December were Rs. 3,27,900, being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 6,927.

THE statement of the Ahmedabad-Prantej Railway for the week ending 8th December amounted to Rs. 4,169, being a decrease on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 22. The total earnings from 1st July to 8th December were Rs. 77,718, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 7,322.

RETELLING the story of an old-time expedition in the interior of Australia, a lecturer at the meeting of the Australasian Society for the advancement of Science, the other evening, said some carrier pigeons taken to Cooper's Creek in a wicker cage, and on the journey their tail feathers were ripped down to the stump. To supply the deficiency, several corresponding pigeons were shot, and their tail feathers spliced on to the carried pigeons stumps by means of waxed thread. The experiments were a complete success, for the birds were able to fly with freedom. Probably they were the victims to birds of prey for they were reached home,

OUR SERIAL STORY.

THE CROOKED WAY,

BY
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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

CHAPTERS I. & II.—The opening scene is at the Savoy. Roy Royston is dining with Mr. Arthur Inwood and his wife, Helene. Royston's financial affairs are hopelessly involved, and the only solution he can see is suicide. His friend Inwood, however, dissuades him from the rash deed, and lends him £10,000. Roy had known and loved Helene before she had married Inwood. He is no longer jealous, but he has something to tell Helene—some news which she will be glad to hear. He has no opportunity of telling her during dinner, and even when Inwood is called away, his wife accompanies him home. Later that night Royston decides to see Mrs. Inwood and deliver his message at all costs. He knocks at the window of Inwood's house, and Helene herself admits him. Her first surprise over, she is eagerly awaiting his news when she hears her husband's latchkey in the door, and her face blanches.

CHAPTERS III. & IV.—Mrs. Inwood begs Roy to conceal himself, and he does so in the back area. After a time becoming impatient he tries to escape through the house, knowing that Inwood has an electric alarm fitted on the door, he makes his way out by the window, only to find himself in the grip of a policeman. Royston tries to explain his suspicious actions but fails to convince the constable. On their way to the police-station they encounter, Arthur Inwood, and return with him to the house. The policeman states the charge against Roy, and when the latter admits its truth, his quondam friend denounces him for the theft of the ten thousand pounds in notes which he himself had given to Royston. Going into another room Inwood raises a cry of "murder" and the other two enter to find Mrs. Inwood done to death. A dagger which Roy recognises lies near her. The enraged husband charges Royston with the double crime of robbery and murder.

CHAPTERS V. & VI.—After the alarm had been given and the house aroused the constable proceeds to escort Royston to the police-station. On the way, however Roy knocks his captor down and escapes. Crossing Regent's Park he reaches the canal, boards a barge, and thus leaves London. Then the scene changes to a typewriting office kept by a Miss Edith Clifford, Roy Royston's fiancee. She breaks down at the news of his arrest, but is consoled by the arrival of Robert Mackinlay, their mutual friend. He believes in his friend's innocence, but regrets that he ran away. Bob tells Miss Clifford that the dagger found on the scene of the crime was very like the one she had. She goes to show it to him but finds it has disappeared and sinks to the floor insensible.

CHAPTERS VII. & VIII.—When Edith Clifford recovers consciousness, Mackinlay escorts her to the train on her way home. Returning to her office he makes certain investigations about the safe where the dagger had lain. During her assistant's absence he secretly admits a mysterious individual, apparently a photographer. At the inquest on Helene Inwood a verdict of wilful murder had been returned against Roy Royston. The latter is still at large and London soon begins to forget the tragedy. Not so in the provinces, however, the affair is still being discussed in the village of Frampington when a blind stranger appears on the scene. He makes himself well liked, but one of the customers at the inn is sure he has seen the stranger before.

CHAPTER IX.—A WELL-KNOWN VOICE.

"This is curious! Do you know where this came from, Miss Baker?"

The speaker was Edith Clifford, and she was standing near the window of her private office holding in her hand a copy of the Florence newspaper "La Nazione."

Some time had passed since the morning when she had been so overcome on reading the account of the tragedy at Cumberland Terrace, as she made her way to Shelley House, and from the worried expression on her face it was clear time had not dealt kindly with her.

Not one word has she received from Roy; he seemed as dead to her as if he had really passed from the world where now she found little but anxiety and disappointment.

Had it not been for her work she would have broken down, but constant employment acted as a distraction, and did not allow her to dwell constantly on her sorrow. In Roy she had implicit faith; he would not deceive her, of that she was certain; and he must have good cause for a silence that arose from no consciousness of wrong-doing, she felt sure. All that remained to her was to wait and trust.

In these dark times Bob Mac had proved a friend indeed. There were few days when he did not look in at some time, and frequently he would accompany her home, and spend an hour or two with the old man, chatting and smoking and relieving her of the task of entertaining him when she was tired and tried by the worries of business, and the suspense that overshadowed her.

But one thing he could not do for her; he could give her no news of her absent lover, and though he did not admit it, his visits were quite as much in search of information as of camaraderie, for he, too, was racked with anxiety as to the whereabouts of the man who was dear to him. But his manner was always bright and debonair as before, and he kept his fears to himself, telling Edith that Roy must have some very good cause for his silence, that later would be explained.

"Do you know how it came here?" repeated Edith. Miss Baker being at work at her typewriter, had not heard the first question, and now looked up with the query:

"What is it, Miss Clifford?"

"That's exactly what I want to know," replied Edith, smiling, and holding out the foreign journal "How on earth did it come here? Who can have left it?"

"Goodness knows, I don't. We've had no works for anyone in Florence have we?"

Certainly not. And Edith looked it through in case there might be a marked paragraph referring in some way to her.

During her life abroad she had picked up a smattering of Italian to French, and knew enough to convince herself that the journal contained nothing of interest to her.

It's dated three days before—and then suddenly turning the conversation—No foreigner has called here during my absence lately?

"Not while I have been here, certainly."

"Well, we must leave it. Perhaps some one put it down by mistake, and will come and ask for it. I'll put it in this cupboard; you'll know where it is if you're asked for it, but let me know if you are." And she turned away, and the sound of the second machine soon gave evidence that she was hard at work.

The routine of the office went on, and the continual click, click, click was only interrupted by the interviewing of callers who came with commissions to be executed; or pauses to gather sheets together and place them in their various covers.

At length Edith stopped, leaned back in her chair stretched out her arms, which where cramped and tired with the long fingering of the keys and rising walked to the window and gazed down on the ever-changing crowd in Fleet Street, far below.

She had been standing thus for some minutes when she called to her assistant in the other room:

Miss Baker come here a minute: you want a rest and that tale of Miss Grey's is not wanted till to-morrow."

Very gladly her companion obeyed the summons, and joined her.

"That's a fresh figure among the gutter merchants, isn't it?" pointing to one of the vendors of penny articles who in spite of being continually on, the move by the police managed to pick up a leving. "I don't remember to have seen him before"

"Which one do you mean; that one with the little girl railway trains? I noticed him yesterday."

"No that one farther to the right with the black dog. He's selling wire puzzles, I think, but I can't see very well; he's blind isn't he?"

"Oh that one, I see; yes I fancy he is a fresh one but I should be sorry to vouch for his blindness. He's got a shade over one eye certainly but these men are up to every dodge under the sun to excite pity and sell their goods. He seems to be doing good business; he must have got hold of something new."

It was quite a hobby of Edith's and Miss Baker's in their spare time to study the race of gutter merchants frequenting Fleet Street and the neighbourhood, and they came to know many of them by sight and to notice how they changed their wares from time to time as something fresh or novel came into the mysterious market in the neighbourhood of Houndsditch where they purchased the daily stock.

"Yes," continued Edith, "they are puzzles. Look, he's selling one to that boy now. He must be blind, he's not looking at all at what he's doing; his head's not moved. Ah! they haven't left him long in peace as a constable strolling along having evidently spoken a word to him that produced no effect, had touched him on the arm and led him a few steps forward.

Edith stood watching his slow progress preceded by his black dog until the corner of the buildings which had not at that time been set back for the widening of the street hid him from sight; and then after a few more words together the two girls returned to their work till one o'clock, the universal hour for lunch in that quarter.

On this particular day she did not go out herself having brought a packet of sandwiches from home with her, intending to do a little extra work, and get away sooner, and as she sat alone eating them—Miss Baker having hurried off to get her favourite table at the A B C where the light was good, so that she could the better enjoy her penny Novelette—she found herself thinking she could not tell why, about that blind vendor of wire puzzles.

She had seen hundreds of his class daily since she had fixed her tent in Fleet Street, and yet this blind man had chained her attention more than any other, and she discovered herself wondering what his early life had been, and what had brought him to such straits as to be selling penny toys in the gutter.

Her thoughts were suddenly arrested, before she had come to any conclusion, by a knock at the door, and the entrance of Bob Mackinlay.

"Well, little girl, no news I suppose?" with a bright smile that was calculated to dispel any idea of the depression that his words might have conveyed.

"None, Bob; and I don't look for any now."

"What! You're not giving up hope? This will never do. You must have a day in the country; you're getting run down. Let me have a look at you." And taking her face in his hands, he turned it towards him. "No, there's not much amiss here; what is it then, eh?"

"No, Bob, I'm not losing hope; only I have a feeling that we shall not get news in the way you mean,—but—but—well, I don't exactly know what I do mean. I—I—oh, I can't explain, but it will all come right in the end, that's what I feel, but how or when I can't see."

"That's right. We none of us can feel more, and with that we must be content." And Bob took the only vacant chair in the small office, and began talking on general subjects, when Edith remembered the copy of "La Nazione," she had discovered that morning, and going to the cupboard, took it out and handed it to him saying:

"Do you happen to leave this here any time you have called, Bob? I found it this morning, and can't think where it came from"

"No, it doesn't belong to me. So of your foreign clients I should think."

"I haven't got any; not one."

He was carelessly turning the sheet over as he spoke, when his hand suddenly stopped, and folding it up he said:

"Do you want it particularly? If not, yot might lend it to me; I should like to have a look at it. I'll take care of it and if anyone should claim it I'll give it you back."

"Take it by all means. So Italian is one of your many accomplishments; that's something new."

Bob only laughed and folding up the paper soon after left the office.

Making his way up Fleet Street he turned into the first optician's he came across and purchased a strong magnifying glass; and then strolling down to the Embankment took a seat, drew out the paper and for some minutes examined one particular portion of it through his new purchase.

What he found there or whether the result of his search was satisfactory or otherwise no one could have told from his face for it remained like a mask and when at length he rose and strolled onward there was that far-away look in his eyes that told of utter unconsciousness to things around him.

He was brought to himself by feeling a slap on the back, and a voice exclaiming:

"What, Bob Mac! Are you going to cut me? What have I done now?"

"Hallos, Taylor! It's you, is it? I didn't see you; the fact is I was thinking of something of importance, and——"

"And I'm of no importance, eh? That's what you mean to say."

"Well, take it that way if you like. How are you old fellow? I haven't seen you for an age," and the two men walked on together.

Meanwhile Edith continued working hard till four o'clock, and then putting on her hat and jacket said:

"I'm going off early to-day, Miss Baker; you'll be able to manage by yourself I know. I don't expect anything particular in this afternoon, and if anyone wants to see me, make an appointment for eleven to-morrow morning, please."

"Very well, Miss Clifford, I shall get on all right, and I have quite enough to keep me going. Good-bye."

As Edith passed through the swing door of the building the thought of the blind seller of puzzles once more flashed across her mind, and she glanced up and down the street, but he was nowhere to be seen; the police had done their work effectually, and he had disappeared, but somehow the thought of him and his dog remained in her mind as she made her way to Blackfriars Station, and waited for an electric train that would take her to her destination.

It was early yet, and the hour for strap-hanging had not arrived, so that she got a comfortable seat, and was able to enjoy her book.

It is a curious fact, and one that must strike any observant person, what readers the female part of the great army of workers in the City are. They are rarely to be seen without a book or novelette in their hands. When they come up in the buses, trams, and trains they are reading: when they eat their lunches they are reading, and when they return at night they are still reading. No wonder there is a sale for cheap literature.

On getting out at South Acton Edith hurried along. She was eager to reach home intending to take her father for a walk.

Suddenly she stopped. Some little way ahead of her standing at the side of the pavement was the blind puzzle merchant of Fleet Street and his dog.

She could not be mistaken.

What had brought him to such a place as Acton? She moved on feeling in her pocket for a penny to give him just for old acquaintance sake as it were.

Some time before she got near him she could hear his voice repeating the invitation to purchasers though there were none present the road just then being absolutely deserted.

"Here, my good man, here's something for you," she said dropping the coin on the little tray he carried before him holding his wares and at the same time stooping and patting the mongrel who sat so patiently at his feet. But the next moment she had started back and her heart seemed to stop beating as there fell on her ear the one word:

"Edith!"

"Who are you? she gasped. Not—not——"

"Yes. Hush! Keep calm, someone may be looking. I must see you; I'll come down your road, and if your father's not at home let me in. I must speak to you."

"But, Roy——"

Not a word, someone's coming, as foot-steps were heard drawing near. Thank you, ma'am, thank you. It's hard work to earn a night's lodging at this game. And then in an undertone, and quickly: "If it's all right open the front window an inch I shall know. "And once more in the professional whine: "All as bright as gold, and one penny each; pick where you like. Here you are" here you are. And with her lover's voice ringing in her ears, Edith walked on, half dazed with astonishment and fear.

(To be continued.)

RATS AND PLAGUE.

It is now well known that Plague is spread chiefly through the agency of rats and the Health Department has been acting on this knowledge for some time past by making systematic and sustained efforts to capture and poison rats in the various Wards of the City. It has now been suggested by a Committee of the Corporation that similar operations on a more extensive scale should be carried out in one large section of a Ward at a time, with a view to rid that particular section of rats as far as possible. The first section to be dealt with is Fort North, and accordingly, on the afternoon of Monday, February 4th, rat-traps and baits containing poison will be placed by the Health Department staff in every gully in the section, and also, with the permission of the owners or occupiers, in every house in the section. On the following morning a careful search will be made and all dead rats that may be found, also the live rats caught in the traps and the poison baits that have not been taken by the rats, will be collected and removed by Municipal agency. These measures are to be carried out in the interests of the public health generally, and they will prove specially beneficial to the health of the residents of Fort North. All owners and occupiers of buildings in that locality are therefore earnestly requested to corporate with the Health Department and to render every possible assistance in making this campaign against rats a success.

ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL TRADE.

FOLLOWING GERMANY'S LEAD.

Special Work for the Foreign Office.

NEW TEST FOR CONSULS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

Mr. Lloyd George, President of the Board of Trade, speaking at Walsall, said that the British Government could greatly assist trade as Germany was doing.

He had arranged with the Foreign Office to have important trade information telegraphed to the Board of Trade for transmission to the Chambers of Commerce of the country.

All Consuls, must in future, pass the Intelligence Department of the Board of Trade.

CHINA'S AWAKENING.

Chinese Minister on the Constitution.

AN ANCIENT DEMOCRACY.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

A meeting of the newly-formed China Society has been held. A distinguished gathering was present.

The Chinese Minister delivered an address. He said that the popular element in the Chinese feudal constitution showed that a democratic Constitution resembling that of Great Britain existed in China three thousand years ago, and that the germs of democratic tradition still existed. He paid a tribute to the Emperor's far-seeing penetration in issuing the recent reforms.

He earnestly hoped that the good understanding between Great Britain and China would grow stronger.

Mr. B. Brenan read a translation of the Minister's address.

MISSIONARIES AND MASSACRES.

Sir E. Satow, speaking at Cambridge, said that China was not craving for the spiritual side of European civilization. Missionary interference in civil matters was largely responsible for the occurrence of massacres.

THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

Strong Centre Party.

COLONIAL OUTLOOK UNPROMISING.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

There is a growing realization in Berlin that the Centre Party has emerged from the first ballots stronger than ever.

The Clerical Organ, *Germania*, says that Dernburg is doomed to bitter disappointment if he imagines that the Centre will hasten to the assistance of the Government in its Colonial projects.

CURIOUS OUTBREAK AT BELFAST.

Seventy-two Cases of Brain Fever.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

Seventy-two cases of Cerebral Meningitis have occurred at Belfast, of which twelve have proved fatal.

REVOLT IN JAVA.

Officials Wounded.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

Three hundred natives have broken into revolt in the province of Kediri, Java.

The rebels have killed the native Chief of Police, severely wounded the Vice-Governor of the Province and another Dutch official, and killed and wounded many others.

THE SWETTENHAM INCIDENT CLOSED.

Letter Withdrawn.

GOVERNOR'S RESIGNATION REPORTED ACCEPTED.

LONDON JANUARY 29.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that Sir A. Swettenham has withdrawn his letter to Admiral Davis, and has expressed his regret.

The international phase of the incident is thus finally closed.

LONDON, JANUARY 30.

The *Globe* announces that the resignation of Sir A. Swettenham has been accepted.

PROTEST FROM THE MERCHANTS.

LONDON, JANUARY 30.

A meeting representing the mercantile and professional interests of Kingston has passed a resolution deploring the enormous loss arising from pillaging which was due to a lack of organisation and the refusal of aid from Admiral Davis, and further regretting that the Executive was still out of touch with the Community.

DISSENSIONS AMONG UNIONISTS.

Round Table Conference Suggested.

LONDON, JANUARY 30.

The Right Hon. Walter Long, speaking at St. Pancras, suggested that a Round Table Conference should be held to settle dissensions among the Unionists.

THE EDALJI CASE.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone the Home Secretary has announced that he is examining the developments in the Edalji case.

NEW INDIAN UNDER SECRETARY.

Mr. Hobhouse Succeeds Mr. Ellis.

OTHER MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

Mr. Charles Hobhouse has been appointed Under Secretary of State for India.

LONDON, JANUARY 30.

It is officially announced that Mr. Walter Runciman has been appointed Financial Secretary to the Treasury in place of Mr. Reginald McKenna. Mr. J. T. Macnamara, M.P., will succeed Mr. Runciman as Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board.

[Mr. Charles Edward Henry Hobhouse, the eldest son of Sir Charles Parry Hobhouse, an old Bengal Civilian who was member of the Bengal Council and the Viceroy's Council and a High Court Judge, is a Wiltshire man who has left his county which he represented (East-Wilts), from 1892 to 1895, for the Eastern Division of Bristol which he has represented since 1900. He was Private Secretary at the Colonial Office from 1892 to 1895 and was Recorder of the Cathedral town of Wells from 1901 to 1906. Needless to say Mr. Hobhouse is a Liberal.

Mr. Walter Runciman, also the heir to a Baronetcy has been Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board since 1905, but apart from that has done little to bring himself before the public. He contested Gravesend in 1895, but it was not till 1899 that he entered Parliament representing Oldham. In 1902 he was elected for Dewsbury and still sits for that Division. He is a partner of the shipping firm of Walter Runciman and Company.

Dr. Macnamara, is affectionately known as "Mac" to his hosts of friends. The son of a private soldier, who had enlisted in the old 47th, now the Loyal North Lancashires, he became an elementary school teacher and taught with enthusiasm for sixteen years. Between whiles he did much to organise the National Union of Teachers, of which he became President in due course. Now he is a journalist, and has written some very precious papers on the lighter side of educational work, such as "Schoolboy Honour" and "Schoolmaster Sketches." But he also knows the subject seriously, and during the debates on the Education Bill of last session he greatly increased his reputation. "Mac" is a thoroughly good fellow, with ideas of his own, and is anything but a mere say-ditto-to-my-party man. He was once introduced, so the story goes, to an aristocratic old colonel, who had served with the 47th, and who was much interested to hear that Dr. Macnamara's father had belonged to that regiment, but wondered why he could not remember the name. "Mac" thereupon explained with no false shame that his father had been a sergeant, and it was pretty to see the exquisite courtesy of the old colonel, who had a long talk with the M.P. about soldiering in the old days, and the iniquities of the War Office. No doubt "Mac" then related, what is an absolute fact, that his father's medal for the operations in Canada in 1866 was only sent to him a few months after the old man's death in 1899—more than thirty years after it had been earned! He also possesses an old tin pipe-case which his father used in the trenches before Sevastopol. The soldiers were forced to buy the things at the high price of half-a-crown.

Dr. Macnamara, who some twelve years ago, was returned to the old London School Board by the record poll of 48,255 votes, is naturally in great request as a distributor of prizes. On one occasion he was performing this function at an elementary school in his present constituency of North Camberwell, when he thought he would give the boys a parting bit of advice. "Now," he said, "see that when I come again next year the record shall be a good one. See that you all behave yourselves and that none of you get into any mischief." Whereupon the young imps all replied in chorus: "The same to you, sir!" Naturally, Dr. Macnamara gets some extraordinary letters. He is rather proud of one which he received from an old country clergyman not long after he had found occasion to criticise the clergy as a body somewhat severely. Apparently it had struck a sympathetic chord in this particular parsonage, for the reverend gentleman wrote the following warm invitation:—"If you like a day with the hounds, I can mount you; we have a capital billiard-table at the vicarage; I am a good judge of whisky, and I smoke like a furnace!"]

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE.

Conciliatory Disposition of the Bishops.

PARTIAL AGREEMENT TO THE SEPARATION LAW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY. 30.

The Declaration of the French Bishops, approved by the Pope, agrees to submit to the Law of 1907, provided that the Hierarchy is recognized and that contracts are concluded between the communal authorities and priests, guaranteeing the latter the permanent use of the churches.

The Press considers that the door is now open to conciliation, but the French Minister, M. Briand, in the Chamber last night, described the Bishops' terms as unacceptable, and appealed to the majority to assist the Government in its difficult task.

THE DUMA ELECTIONS.

Liberals Complain of Doctored Returns.

GREAT GOVERNMENT MAJORITY.

LONDON, JANUARY 30.

The Duma election returns have been officially issued in St. Petersburg. They indicate that the Conservatives and Moderates have obtained a sweeping majority.

The Revolutionaries declare that the returns have been doctored so as to show Liberal defeats, but they admit that the Conservative vote has increased especially among the peasantry.

THE ST. JOHANN MINING DISASTER.

Number of Victims Exaggerated.

FIRE STILL RAGING.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

The Officials now announce that there were only 164 men belowground at the time of the explosion.

Seventy-seven bodies have been recovered. The fate of the rest is hopeless as the fire in the mine is still raging.

THE WHITELEY MURDER.

LONDON, JANUARY 29

Rayner, who murdered Mr. Whiteley, is admittedly of illegitimate birth, but his paternity is doubtful.

The police are positive that he tried to blackmail Mr. Whiteley.

THE AMIR AT CALCUTTA.

VISIT TO THE MINTO FETE.

A Trip to Cossipore.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 30.

His Highness the Amir, who dined at Government House, drove with the Viceroy in State to the Minto Fete at 9-30, and took his seat beside Lady Minto in the Viceregal Box to witness the Military Display. A specially artistic and effective welcome had been organised and the Viceroy and his guest drove up to the front of the Stand between long hedges of soldiers each of whom bore graceful silvern torches crowned with coloured flame. The Amir followed the various evolutions, with close attention, though he evidently did not quite know how exactly to act when, during the stately ceremony of trooping the colours the Band played the National Anthem at the conclusion of the Military Displays.

When the robber stronghold went up in flames and whilst the Massed Bands filled the night with the strains of God Save the King, the Amir with Lady Minto and the Viceroy was conducted through the fair. He seemed particularly interested in the great Motor Car Exhibition, lingering long amongst the magnificent machines. Judging from the affection he had developed for the motor it ought not to be long before his mountain Kingdom has good cart roads built through every part of it.

The Civil Service Stall with its fine trophies of hog spears, and the Naval Stall before which was displayed in all its deadly beauty a long torpedo, also attracted His Highness' attention.

The Amir will visit the Zakaria Masjid on Friday. A Committee has been formed to safeguard His Highness from any kind of annoyance owing to the unprecedented crush expected on that day.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

The Amir yesterday, Tuesday, morning visited the Medical College Hospital, spending a considerable time in the Wards and also in the Operating Room.

In the afternoon the Amir went by launch to the Botanical Gardens and in the evening dined with the Viceroy at Government House and drove in State with the Viceroy to the Minto Fete, where he saw the Military Tournament. Subsequently His Highness visited Lady Minto's Stall and did not leave till nearly midnight.

The Amir, while desirous of seeing everything, was particularly anxious that his visit to Calcutta should be private and that no one should know before hand of his intended movements.

The Minto Fete was very crowded all yesterday, and the crowds around the Lucky Bag Drawing was so dense that the barrel containing the blanks and numbers had to be removed to different parts of the grounds. Most of the more valuable prizes remain to be drawn, but the Diamond Pendant given by the Maharaja of Rewa, valued at Rs. 1,500 has been drawn by a Piper in the Highland Light Infantry.

VISIT TO THE CALCUTTA FACTORIES.

His Highness the Amir has gone this morning by launch to inspect the Gun and Shell Factory at Cossipore, the Ammunition Factory at Dum Dum and the Rifle Factory at Ishapore. Major-General R. H. Mahan, the Director-General of Ordnance has accompanied His Highness who is much interested in all the details of small Arms manufacture.

PREPARATIONS AT KABUL.

To Receive the Amir on his Return.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD JANUARY 29.

News has been received, says the Peshawar Correspondent to the *Pioneer*, that Sardar Inayatullah Khan who has been entrusted with supreme power at Kabul during the absence of the Amir, has issued an order for a public Durbar to be held at Kabul on the 15th March to greet His Highness the Amir on his return from India.

Heads of the various Tribes and leading Mullahs have been directed to attend the Durbar, and it is expected that the Amir will harangue them and make a public announcement as to the results of his visit to the Indian Government.

SUFFI MAHOMED ISHAK ON THE WAR-PATH.

The Peshawar Corresponden to the *Pioneer* says that imformation has been received that Sufi Mahomed Ishak has left Hadda for Tirah with a considerable following of Mullahs and disciples with the intention of travelling through Tirah and preaching there against the Christians and the Indian Government.

It is said that he will tour about the country for a couple of months and intends to meet the Amir at Jellalabad on the return of the latter from India.

Sufi Mahomed Ishak is a prominent Mullah of Hadda, closely connected with Mullah Mahomed Elias on whom has fallen the mantle of Najmad Din, the notorious Hadda Mullah, who took such an active part in stirring up the Afridis against us prior to and during the Tirah Campaign.

H. H. THE AMIR AND THE CORPORATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—It is much to be regretted that no reference whatever is made in the Bombay Municipal address to His Highness the Amir to the most liberal policy of the British Government by whom, and through whom, the "city, with her factories, her workshops, and her huge industrial population" have reached such an unparalleled prosperity, just in comparison to the backward condition of any Mahomedan country. Even now it is not too late to insert something in the address on the above lines, for His Highness the Amir "to go and do likewise" in his own country.—Yours, etc.,

OBSERVER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

Relief from England Sought.

LONDON, JANUARY 30.

M. Shishkoff, a Member of the Zemstvo Relief Association, has arrived in England after paying a visit to the famine-stricken districts in South Eastern Russia. He has written a letter to the *Times* depicting in pathetic terms the awful visitation and passionately appealing to the benevolence of the Angle-Saxon race. Hundreds of thousands, he says, are on the brink of starvation and are eating bread made of acorns, rye and straw.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, JANUARY 30.

Sir Michael Foster is dead.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

The death is announced of Mr. John Gibson Paton, the father of Missionary work in the New Hebrides.

[The Rev. John Paton was a Scotsman from Dumfries, where he was educated and later at the University of Glasgow. He was a missionary in the latter city for ten years, and sailed for the new Hebrides in 1858. He published his "Autobiography" in 1889.]

AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE FOR S. INDIA.

Four and a Half Lakhs Sanctioned.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JANUARY 30.

The Government of Madras have sanctioned an estimate of Rs. 4,47,000 for the construction of the main buildings of the Agricultural College Research Institute at Coimbatore.

PLAYS AND PASTIMES.

NELLY NEIL.

The Anti-Gambling League.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JANUARY 11.

Miss Edna May has at last officially returned to London. It is some months now since she departed from The Vaudeville, because Miss Camille Clifford's name had been displayed upon the advertising bills in characters so large that Miss May considered they compromised her position as "a star." A great deal of excitment prevailed at the time over this action on the part of the fair Edna, an excitement which to some extent was renewed last night at The Aldwych Theatre, when the one-time "Belle of May fair" re-appeared as "Nelly Neil." To tell the truth "Nelly Neil" is one of the oldest new plays that I remember to have seen. It is the work of Mr. C. M. S. McLellan, whose literary activities have been so varied that he has produced "Leah Kleshna" and "The Belle of New York." His latest production is in many respects a rehash of his first success. Just as we had Miss Edna May as a puritan maiden in "The Belle of New York," so we have Miss Edna May as a sweet young reformer bent upon winning people to "the simple life," in "Nelly Neil." Miss May is just as pretty as ever, but one cannot say she has acquired any great additional proficiency in her art since she first appeared on our stage as the American Salvation Army lass. However, she captured London then through her simple ability to look demure, and as she looks as demure as ever, it seems quite conceivable that she will capture London again. There are a great number of pretty American chorus girls in "Nelly Neil," who appear in wonderful costumes and, in direct constrast to their English sisters, work with a commendable, if at times a somewhat superfluous energy. The music is popular and some of the songs quite amusing. Miss Kitty Gordon scored a notable success in the part of a Princess, whilst a newcomer to the English stage, Mr. Joseph Coyne, showed himself to be an original and resourceful comedian.

THE COURT THEATRE AND THE ADELPHI.

There have been two new plays produced this week at the Court Theatre. Neither of these can be described by the liveliest stretch of the imagination as a success. One, a peculiarly grim little tragedy, is from the pen of Mr. John Masefield, who has made himself something of a reputation through writing sailor stories and sea ballads. His play came in the nature of a disappointment to many admirers. Meanwhile, the Adelphi, finding that blank verse tragedy and poetical drama are somewhat as drugs in the theatrical market, has at last returned to its old love, melodrama. "The Boudman" has been transferred there from Drury Lane, and to judge from the applause on Saturday night is likely to remain in its new home for some time to come. The performance reminded one of many old days at the Adelphi when the name of William Terriss was a word to conjure with. Once again the walls of the old playhouse echoed with thunderous applause that acclaimed the noble sentiments of the hero, whilst the villain was hissed and booed with a vigour that was simply astonishing. Miss Edith Wynne Mathieson, whom one has generally associated with performances of a more ambitious nature, scored another striking success in the character of Greela.

THE BADDELEY CAKE.

I was present last Monday evening at an historical event which takes place annually at Drury Lane. This is the cutting of the famous Baddeley Cake. Baddely was an actor in the eighteenth century who was also a baker. He was the original Moses in Sheridan's "School for Scandal." When he died he left £100 in trust, specifying that the interest on this money was to be annually expended on providing cake and wine in the Drury Lane green room, "on every twelfth night," for the members of the company. Alas, Drury Lane has not owned a green room for many years, so that the ceremony has now to be performed in the enormous lounge that stands at the back of the dress circle. This year the cake was cut by that urbane and clever comedian Mr. Harry Nicholls. All the members of the company were present. Miss Queenie Leighton was there, having asked special permission to introduce her little pet dog to the ceremony; Miss Marie George who wished to carry a piece of cake away "for the babies;" Mr. Walter Passmore and many others. It was a merry assembly. We ate the cake, which was good, but the wine turned out to be "punch hot" which might have been better.

FOOTBALL.

Now that the South African Rugby team has departed from our shores the centre of public interest has been largely shifted back to the Association Code. The great national competition for the Football Cup enters on its first round tomorrow, and little else is being thought of, or talked about, in sporting circles. Of course, practically every club engaged is a professional organisation, but, curiously enough, everybody—even the most rigorous upholders of amateurism appear to annually forget this fact for a brief season whilst the Cup Competition is in progress. The truth is that there is such a vital sporting spirit in this tourney, that it really matters very little whether the clubs engaged are amateur or professional. One knows that every club will strive its utmost to reach the final round and that every individual player works his level best. Naturally one regrets the absence of amateurism, but, frankly, no one is to be blamed for this save the amateurs themselves. The abstention of such clubs as the Corinthians and the Casuals from the Cup Competition has always been a matter for general regret, whilst, personally, I have frequently contended that the Corinthians, once they entered the tournament, would stand a remarkably good chance of capturing the much coveted trophy. Let us hope they will join next season. This year we have only one amateur club in the first round, and that not a particularly strong one. It is Oxford City, and although the team has plenty of good material at its disposal, the majority of us will be more than surprised if the City are not badly beaten by that somewhat unfortunate First League club, Bury. One unpleasant factor in the competition which has been singularly prominent this year is the ability of rich clubs, through the lax laws of the Association, to purchase right of ground. As instances of this I may cite the cases of Fulham and Westham United. Both clubs were drawn away from home, but by the magic of the purse-strings they have induced Stockport County and Blackpool to alter the venue of the play. This may possibly mean—when we consider the immense advantage a club enjoys from playing on its own ground—that both the London clubs have bought a passport into the second round. Anyway the practice is one inimical to the best interests of sport and one that all persons who have the ultimate good of the game at heart wish to see abolished at the earliest opportunity.

A NEW BETTING BILL.

I learn that the Anti-Gambling League, emboldened by their success with the Street Betting Bill, in the last Parliament, have returned to the attack, and intend presenting to the House of Commons this year a measure which is tentatively styled the "Gambling Advertisement Bill." This act is aimed directly at persons who advertise by newspaper or circular in connection with any betting business or agency, any tipster's business, any lottery. Everybody recognises that gambling in certain acute forms carries with it many evils, but at the same time it is difficult to believe that any measure so obviously construsted in the interests of one section of the community as against another will ever become law. By the way, whilst on the subject of racing, it may be interesting to know that His Majesty the King has just entered Flaxman for the Grand National.

CRICKET.

All cricket lovers join in mourning the death of W. W. Read the famous Surrey batsman. Comparatively speaking, he died a youngman, but many of us knew for some time past that his health had thoroughly broken down and it is possible that financial difficulties aggravated his illness. During the time of his career there was probably,—always excepting W. G. Grace—no finer batsman in the country. No one has ever dared to take greater liberties with fast bowling than did Read, and part of the fascination of watching him at the wicket was his absolute disregard for the ordinary prescribed methods of style. One may say that Read gave to batting greater freedom, iniative and force, than it possessed at any previous period of the game.

R. C.

CURRENT TOPICS.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

(BY A FREE LANCE.)

THE WARD ELECTIONS. The two most important events during the last seven days have been the Municipal Ward Elections, and Herr Premyslav's Concert. Looked at from a local point of view, the former is the more important, though from almost any other point of view the latter was a much greater event. The elections presented several new features this time. There were quite a number of tikkhas bearing candidates' names, ready to carry voters to the poll, and I also noticed a few motor-cars. In the course of a few years there will doubtless be as much excitement about these elections as there is at home. At present they are very tame affairs. One may perhaps, without seeming to be invidious, congratulate Mr. Bollam on his success. Mr. Bollam is fully representative of the trade interest, which certainly ought to have a say in Municipal affairs. At home, tradesmen are always well represented on local councils. But here these institutions seem to have been hitherto the resort of lawyers and medicine-men, with apparently a certain amount of leisure time on their hands. Nothing has struck me so forcibly, especially with regard to the coming Justices' election, as the number of public-spirited gentlemen, who are anxious to devote their time and brains to the welfare of the city. If promises are anything, Bombay ought to be a model city in a couple of years.

THE PREMYSLAV CONCERT. Turning to Herr Premyslav's Concert, it was pleasing to see that quite a fair number of people profited by the advice of Messrs. Muir Mackenzie, Scott, and Bayley. The hall was by no means full, but there were a large number of the five-rupee seats taken; and the audience contained most of the musical talent of Bombay. It is not for me to attempt any criticism of Herr Premyslav as a violinist. I went expecting to be delighted and I was delighted. What struck me most was the wonderful purity of tone. I have heard violinists with more fire, but in this respect the violinist undoubtedly models himself on his great master, Dr. Joachim. The two items of the programme that pleased me most were Schubert's "Ave Maria," and Doerak's "Humoresque, especially the latter, which is at once dainty and remantic. I was not at all impressed by Tartini's "Il Trillo Del Diavolo." There was nothing at all devilish about it, as rendered by Herr Premyslav. Miss Schumck rendered invaluable assistance at the piano. If I may add one last word—it is not possible to dine off caviare alone, and, however excellent violin-playing may be, it would be well to vary the programme a little. I hope Herr Premyslav will be favoured with a large audience on Saturday night.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME. There are other musical events before us. The first of these will be the recital of sacred music to be given in the Cathedral at 6-15 p. m. this evening. This will be notable for the reappearance among us of that charming soprano Miss Clara Procter whose voice has too long been unheard. I am not aware what the effect of her long absence in England and training there may be, but if Miss Procter sings more sweetly and artistically than she did before, then we all have something quite out of the common to look forward to. During the eleven years I have existed in this city, I have heard no more charming voice than Miss Procter's and I am very glad indeed that she has come back. The rest of the programme is very good and the Cathedral ought to be crowded and I trust those who go will be liberal at the offertory. Besides this recital of sacred music Madame Hester Otway promises two concerts, one on the 9th and one on the 16th February. I have been singularly unfortunate in not having hitherto been able to hear Madame Otway sing, but the success of her concerts is assured, both because she is an established favourite in Bombay and because she has the patronage of the Admiral, the General and the Chief Justice. Another musical event which, I hear, is likely to take place at the end of February, will be a performance of massed bands and, I hope, a torchlight tattoo under the auspices of General Greenfield. Many will remember how successful a similar entertainment was almost exactly a year ago and especially the Swiss Drill done by men from the Yorkshires under Major Hadow. With last year's experience and an energetic committee, this year's massed bands ought to be an even greater success than before.

THE CIRCUS. The air is indeed full of entertainments, and has not the celebrated 'Colonel' Love returned and brought with him Harmston's circus? I have been a regular attendant at Harmston's circus for years and it has always been first class. I observe that Diavolo still loops the loop, but apparently he no longer "dices with death on the brink of eternity," or words to that effect. Harmston's circus deserves well of the public, as it has always been most ready in giving its services for charitable purposes. Those who have not seen the Paris Cinemotograph, ought certainly to do so. The pictures of the Russo-Japanese war are very good, and also extremely amusing. It is news to me that a man, wearing the uniform of his country, can be shot in that uniform as a spy, and General Stoessel's method of receiving a Japanese flag of truce is at once extremely discourteous and highly theatrical. Also it struck me that the Russian warships were flying bunting suspiciously like the French flag. But these are small affairs and the photos are really most interesting. There is a tremendous amount of firing effected, I should imagine, by the beating of a tin bath behind the scenes. The Cinemotograph is well worth a visit and is playing to crowded houses. In addition to all these other entertainments we have the Bandmann Opera Company opening on the 12th, and now that they have had time to rehearse I expect we may expect some excellent performances. Also there are at last rumours of amateur theatricals in the near future.

THE AMIR'S VISIT. The state of the Ceoperage this morning reminded me forcibly that the Amir's visit is close at hand, for Sir Archibald Hunter's Camp is being put up. In a few days we shall have cavalry prancing about and the town will be full of soldiers in order to impress our visitor. Really it is immensely amusing to read the extraordinary drivel that is written about the Amir. It is always the same with Royalty. According to the scribes, they are always marvels of tact and intelligence. The Amir speaks to a Tommy doing pack drill and suggests the remission of his sentence, the thing is flashed across the wires. He goes to Aligarh College and if the account of an eye-witness be correct, behaves in the most extraordinary manner, examines the account books, takes a class, questions some pupils on the Koran, finally in tones of deep emotion exclaims that the college's traducers are all liars and makes a weighty speech, probably carefully prepared beforehand for him by some intelligent private secretary. I am daily expecting to see a wire to the effect that the Amir put on his boots this morning. We would think from the accounts of his visit that the Amir must have been brought up in a kind of Zoo. The Amir cannot be half ignorant of the world beyond Afghanistan as he is said to be and the manner in which he is supposed to express surprise at ordinary every day affairs, is merely ridiculous.

SPORTING. The sporting public will all be delighted to hear that Fitzgrafton and Mallard are to be in Bombay for the big meeting. When the first and second entries were published and Mr. Apcar's name did not appear, there was general disappointment. It is now practically certain that we shall see both Mr. Apcar's champions and to my mind both the big prizes will be captured by them. From all accounts Fitzgrafton is a far superior horse to Long Tom. The success of the big meeting is now altogether secured and it would never do to have Bombay neglected by an owner like Mr. Apcar. We shall not see the gallant little Signorina again, she having been sent to England, but nearly every wellknown race horse and pony in India will be at Mahaluxmi. I hear that wonderful results have been obtained from the totalisator of late, one lady getting back Rs. 120 for a Rs. 5 investment. But the totalisator's operations are comparatively small and the knights of the pencil still do all the real business. Bookmaking, conducted on sound lines, appears to be a very successful business. The fees to be paid are high and there are, no doubt, many bad debts, but the sound bookmaker makes a very comfortable thing out of it indeed.

A NEW NOVEL. May I be allowed to recommend to my readers a very delightful novel? It is W. I. Locke's "The Beloved Vagabond.' It is a long time since I have come across so fresh and original a book. The beloved vagabond, who appears under various aliases in the course of the book, is one of the most finished studies of Bohemianism and unconventionality, brought about by an early disappointment in love. He is the philosopher of philosophers, to whom all things come as matters of unfailing interest. He presides over a London clay pipe and beer club. He wanders along the roads of France and sleeps under the starlight. He plays the violin in an itinerant orchestra at Aix-les-Bains. He is the doyen of the Cafe Delphine. He is the wonder and delight of the quartier. Then for a little he tries to take his place again in society as Gaston de Nerac, as the accepted suitor of the widowed Comtesse de Verneuil, his old love. But the Bohemian has eaten into his heart and he comes back to his Cafe and to his Blanquette, whom he marries. "It is all the same, my dear," said Paragot (the beloved vagabond) tenderly. "We were talking philosophy. Philosophy merely means the love of wisdom. And all that the wisdom of all the ages can tell us is summed up in the last words of one of the wisest books that ever was written: 'We must cultivate our garden.' And so the beloved vagabond and his Blanquette settle down in the country and cultivate their garden. "I have all that the heart of man can desire—the love of this dear wife of mine—the child asleep within doors—the printed wisdom of the world in a dozen tongues of men, caught up haphazard in what I once, in a failing hour, thought was my wildgoose chase after truth—the pride in you, my little Asticot, the son of my adoption—and the most overpowering sleepiness that ever sat upon mortal eyelid.

CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETIES.

Proceedings of the Simla Conference.

GOVERNMENT DESPATCH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 30.

A Despatch of the Government of India deals with the Conference of the Co-operative Credit Societies. The Conference at Simla in September 1906 was attended by the Registrars of most of the British provinces and the Registrar of Mysore, which State has passed an Act on lines similar to those adopted in British India.

The reports of the Provinces show that on the 31st of March 1906 the number of Societies on the Register was 490. of which 433 were Rural, and 35 Urban and 22 Central, and members 26,720. The total capital of the societies amounted to Rs. 4,97,125. Loans were issued to the members to the amount of Rs. 3,40,440 and investments in raw materials and stores to Rs 1,01,313. The Balance Sheets show on the whole that a profit was made and that there was a balance to credit of Rs. 26,000. There occurred no actual loss and that loans and interest thereon was paid with fair punctuality.

It is satisfactory to find that general interest has been displayed in the movement throughout the empire and that opposition on the part of the money-lenders was only serious in a few localities.

ACCIDENT TO COLONEL STANNELL.

Serious Fractures Reported.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 30.

The Peshwar Correspondent wires as follows to our Allahabad Contemporary:—"Regret to have to record an accident which happened to Colonel Stannell, the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General of the Peshawar Division, in the hunting field on Sunday last.

After the recent heavy rains the ground was sodden and slippery. Towards the end of a long and heavy run Colonel Stannell's horse, which was apparently dead beat, failed to negotiate a jump in the field, and rolled over with its rider. It has not yet been definitely ascertained what injuries Colonel Stannell has sustained, but it is feared his collar-bone and several ribs are fractured.

H. M. S. "HERMES."

Naval Intelligence.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, JANUARY 30.

H. M. S. "Hermes" returned to-day from Singapore.

Admiral Poe takes over the Cape Command on the 20th of April, leaving here by the end of March with "Hermes" as flagship, his successor Sir George Warrender arriving then aboard the "Hyacinth."

The "Hermes" proceeds to Bombay on Friday making a speed trial on the passage, and will escort the Amir to Karachi.

Admiral Poe, if feasible, will remain in Colombo to await the Duke of Connaught's visit in March.

The Naval Conference at Singapore lasted from January 20th to 21st.

On her voyage here the "Hermes" visited the Nicobar islands for two days.

THE SARA BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

Lieut.-Col. Cowie's Statement.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 30.

At the Ganges Bridge Committee, Lieutenant-Colonel Cowie, Officiating Manager of the Central Bengal State Railway was examined. He was of opinion that if the bridge was not built, the Sara Railway would have to maintain a ferry.

GIBRALTAR GARRISON.

Reduction by one Battalion.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 30.

A special telegram to the *Pioneer* from London, dated the 29th of January, states that the *Daily Chronicle* mentions of a report which is current at Aldershot to the effect that the Gibraltar Garrison will be reduced by one battalion, in March next.

LUNAR ECLIPSE.

Seen from Allahabad.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 30.

The Eclipse of the Moon was clearly visible at Allahabad last evening. The *Chand Grahanam* naturally attracted large crowds of pilgrims to the junction of the rivers, where bathing was in progress most of the night.

EXCISE LABORATORY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 30.

Sanction has been given for the maintenance of the Excise Laboratory at Kasauli for another six months from October 1906.

NOTES ON INDIAN INTERESTS.

THOUGHTS BY A NATIVE THINKER.

DOWN WITH CÆSAR! I THINK I was the first to announce in an English newspaper through the medium of this column, the movement among European Justices for securing a better representation on the Corporation, and I heartily welcomed it as betokening an increased interest on behalf of Europeans in civic affairs. The organization has since taken a form and a development which, I must say, is keenly resented in native circles generally, and which, to my mind, is not free from some objectionable features. The combination, we are told, means a revolt against a towering personality in the Corporation, whose absolute sway and imperious will need, in the interests of the city, to be suppressed. It is also stated that it means an emphatic protest against the importation of political feeling in the Corporation. The irritation caused on these grounds may be perfectly legitimate, and outsiders may have a certain sympathy with the feeling which has inspired the movement. But the remedy, which is proposed, is worse than the disease. It will fail in its object to effect a drastic cure of the evil complained of, while it is likely to bequeath a legacy of other evils more potent and serious. The surest and most effectual method of opposing despotism is certainly not by creating it in another form; nor is it fair or consistent to oppose the dominion of one faction by having another in its place with its own particular creeds and watchwords and shibboleths. Giving the authors of the movement every credit for honesty of purpose, I am afraid their action will have the effect of stirring up strife and bitterness; and although a number of Natives are included in the compact, the cleavage, broadly speaking, will be between Natives and Europeans in Bombay where the two communities have always worked together in harmony. For whatever may be said, its prime movers and principal organizers are Europeans, and it is to European Justices in particular that a fervent appeal has been made "to vote the whole ticket," looking neither to the right, nor to the left. Even if I, as a Justice, had fully sympathised with the feeling which is at the bottom of the movement, I should still refuse to vote blindly to order. I should exercise my own unbiassed judgment to examine the credentials of the persons who are offered for election; I should weigh them against the merits of others in the field, and should give my vote to those whom I may consider to be best qualified to serve the city. I should refuse to take a job lot on trust, nor consent to deliver over my conscience to the safe keeping of men behind the scenes.

SOME PLAUSIBILITIES. The essence of party government in the West, we are told, is strife, and Natives who are so enamoured of western methods of government ought to be the last to complain of the employment of these methods in the present instance. This and other arguments have been drawn out at portentous length in a certain quarter to defend the caucus. It is an elementary absurdity to apply the analogy of the British House of Commons to the Municipal Corporation of Bombay. The Corporation is not based upon the principle of party government. There is no ministry in office, nor an opposition whose business it is to discredit the party in power and seek its overthrow. Here the only principle of selection should be merit and fitness, and the only object the good of the city. In my humble judgment, the confederacy is not justifiable or necessary on any public principle; it will scarcely answer its purpose; and it will rather be prejudicial to the interests of the city. It does not strike me as eminently fair to proscribe a man who, with all his faults, is a valuable asset of the city, who as a member of the Corporation has some splendid service in the past, who has upheld the dignity of the Corporation at critical junctures, and has generally guided it aright. If he is arbitrary and domineering, I should look for capable men who can cross swords with him in the Municipal Chamber and make their influence felt among their colleagues. It is not fair or generous to try to put him out, but it would be at once fair and manly to have him in the field, and fight him squarely.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. You have no reason to expect an ideal election any more than an ideal Gazette of Honours. But the Municipal elections held in Bombay last week were satisfactory enough, save that two of the most useful members of the Corporation, Drs. Katrak and Master, were thrown out. Dr. Katrak was as sensible as he was painstaking and conscientious; and without Dr. Master by his side, I am afraid that Dr. Jehangeer J. Cursetji will feel quite desolate. Dr. Master was his *alter ego* in the Corporation, where they thought and spoke and worked together "like one man." In the best of countries in the West, merit does not always count at elections, and if it takes sometimes a subordinate place at municipal elections in Bombay, I should not proceed to condemn the electors right off. Amenable as they are to the influence of the industrious canvasser, they generally blunder through their public duty well enough, and in the present instance they have returned a fair number of good and true men. Mr. Bollam's election, as I had anticipated, proved a certainty, and I am glad that a European will take his seat on the Corporation as a direct representative of the ratepayers. Analyzing the result of the ward elections, I see that 13 Hindus, 12 Mahomedans 9 Parsis and 2 Christians have been returned. In the existing Corporation there are 13 Hindus, 9 Mahomedans, 12 Parsis, and 1 Christian. The Parsis have lost ground a little, while the Mahomedans show a distinct advance. I should no longer call the Mahomedans a backward community, at least in Bombay. Having made rapid progress, they have now taken their proper place in the public life of the city.

THE AMIR AND THE PARSIS. With one on two exceptions, the Parsi papers are opposed to the proposal to give an address of welcome on behalf of the community to the Amir. They love and honour the Amir, but they fail to see any particular reason for a sectional address. If some fussy people were to get up an address on their own account, no one would care, except perhaps, the Government who have to decide whether it should be presented or not. But when it is proposed to be given on behalf of an entire community, it becomes rather a serious matter. A Parsi Association, which has been founded with the object of bettering the social and economic condition of

which alone can satisfy it as to their stability; that the interior of many a structure may hide a multitude of sins which they are unable to probe to the bottom. That may be so. But here it was a new building in course of construction which collapsed with such disastrous results. The building bye-laws are stringent enough. They lay down with an elaborate minuteness and precision, the dimensions of posts, the thickness of walls, and the soundness of the materials to be used. One of the rules says —"Every person who shall erect a new building shall be responsible that all the building materials used are sound, of good quality and properly put together, so as to ensure safety. Any breach of this bye-law shall be brought directly to the notice of the Commissioner, who shall in each case satisfy himself, either personally or by an officer specially appointed for the purpose and not lower in rank than a Superintendent of Buildings, whether this bye-law has been infringed or not. All this is explicit enough, and now the public has a right to know whether the work was carried on with reasonable care and caution. One of the witnesses has deposed that the owner's agent purchased job lots of the old timber of demolished houses, to be used in the construction of the ill-fated house. I trust the inquiry will make it perfectly clear whether the materials used were of the right sort, whether the work was scamped in any way, and whether there was any party at fault.

WHO STARTED SWADESHI?

While the Bengalee papers have scarcely yet ceased fighting over the question whether the victory at the last Congress was won by the Moderates or the Extremists, some of them have commenced wrangling over the great historic question as to who was the immortal author of Swadeshi in India. With characteristic modesty, Baboo Surendranath says it was he who set the Swadeshi ball rolling. It is not a question of any moment to us whether the statement is perfectly accurate or not, and the way in which the movement is carried on, it is not at all an honour either to its prime movers or those who support it to have anything to do with it. It is because the conception of Swadeshi is supremely silly on the other side of India that the claim as to its paternity is contested there with some bitterness, and the laurel wreath claimed by Baboo Surendranath is looked upon with covetous eyes by other aspirants to the honour.

DION.

NEW MUSIC.

(Messrs. Chappell & Co's.)

Rather trumpery are the pianoforte pieces "The Carnival" by Howard Talbot and Straus's "Pfeif-Lied" arranged by Ernst Reiterer.

Frank Lambert's Valse "Reve de Jeunnesse" is simple, but taking and excellently adapted for its purpose, being of a well-marked and danceible rhythm.

"Dream ships," a song written by C. E. Wells, composed by Waddington Cooke, published in C minor and D minor, compass ten notes from tonic is a striking composition, requiring musicianly qualities for its interpretation. The barearole accompaniment against a far from common-place melody make a setting worthy of the lyrics, which are admirable.

"A Birthday Song," written by Teschmacher, composed by Coningsby Clarke, published in D, in F and in G, compass a tenth from the submediant. A dainty and merry trifle well worth the singing and hearing.

"The Seista," written by A. R. Cleveland, composed by W. H. Squire and published only in G, for Baritone, compass a ninth from dominant. The 'cellist-composer is in his element writing for the vocal counterpart of his own instrument, and he has produced an effective and pretty melody. The accompaniment with its rocking lullaby figure is delightful. "The Siesta" is in the repertoire of Mr. Kennerly Rumford and is well worthy the attention of baritones and second-tenors.

"Bid you Good-morrow" by Frank Lambert is weak and disappointing, especially as coming from a composer who has had so many happier ideas.

"The wind in the Orchard," written by F. E. Weatherley, composed by Frank E. Tours, published in B. flat and in C, compass a twelfth from tonic. The words are more than slightly reminiscent of some of Mr. Weatherley's earlier lyrics. The music is tuneful enough, but in the "Thousand and one girls" style; in fact one might be certain it was composed for the provincial production of a musical play. "Alone", written by A. R. Cleveland composed by Hermann Lohr, published in three keys, C, E flat and F, compass a ninth from leading note. One of those very short songs that have lately come into favour, a fair and pleasing example of its kind. Exactly the same may be said of the same composer's "Oh! To forget" with a compass of an octave only published in D flat in E flat, and in F.

"Wild Roses", written by Clifton Bingham, composed by Noel Johnson, published in two keys, G and B flat, compass a tenth from dominant. This is a pretty little Spring Song appropriate enough for England but with references that sound wildly inappropriate in India. It might be sung out here by a lady with sufficient confidence in herself to think she could carry her hearers in imagination to the green leaves and fresh foliaged-hedges of England's Maytime! The words are so peculiarly insular, however, that the less confident will do well to leave this song alone.

"Brown Eyes," written by Mathilde Blind, composed by Teresa del Riego, published in three keys, B flat, C and D, compass a tenth from supertonic. This tuneful composer is not less happy than usual in setting verses full of the spirit of those Spanish serenades that Lockhart has rendered into English verse. By a baritone with a good command of head notes, a most taking rendering of this song might be made, but the music was evidently rather designed for tenors.

"For you alone," English words by Teschmacher, French words by E. Guinand, composed by Guy D'Hardelot, in two keys, E flat and F, compass a tenth from sub-mediant. The music is delightful, inspired much more by the glad fantasy of Monsieur Guinand than by the more stolid verses by Mr. Teschmacher:—

"Si vous rencontrez dans la plaine
Un patre aux regards genereux,
Tressant des flours de marjolaine,—
C'est lui! c'est mon tendre amoureux!

Si vous entendez sur la greve
Le soir un chant doux langoureux,
Troublant et vague comme un reve,—
C'est lui! c'est mon tendre amourenx!

Si vous regardez sur la place
Lutter des garcons vigoureux
L'un que nul autre ne terrasse,—
C'est lui! c'est mon tendre amoureux.

Si vous voyez sous la feuillee
Enlaces fuir un couple heureux,
L'ame de joie en soleillee,—
C'est lui, c'est moi! Deux amoureux!"

This is just what a love-song should be, all pride in the loved one and joy in being loved, and Madame D'Hardelot's music ripples and bubbles with this pride and joy and can hardly be said at all to reflect the watery sentiment of the English version:—

"Deep in my heart is a dream
So tender, sweet and true,
And like a star it there doth gleam
For you, alone for you!

It lies all day in restless pain,
Yet when the moon breaks forth alone
It trembles into life again,
And tries to tell its love.

Deep in my heart is a flower,
The purest ever blown,
I fain would pluck it from its bower
For you, sweetheart, alone!

And dear, some day this dream of mine
Shall in your deepest sleep be cast;
My flower will leave this heart for thine
And love be ours at last!"

The words are not new, as in King David's day, the whole song, but in spite of bad verses and worse enunciation, the words are still *half* the song. But for some songs this fact might well be forgotten! Mr. Teschmacher can do, as he has done, much better than this. Monsieur Guinand has very nearly approached Francois Coppee. Would that poor Eugene Oudin were still alive to render these verses also into English posie!

SPORTING NEWS.

THE R. G. A. SPORTS.

THE second and concluding day of the Royal Garrison Artillery Sports held yesterday, on the Maidan, at Colaba, was in every way a great success. Interest was admirably sustained to the end, and the arrangements added to the much-appreciated hospitality in the Officers' and Sergeants' tents made the event a most enjoyable one. The Band of the Royal Scots played lively selections throughout the evening and the comic elements were again in great mettle keeping the large number of visitors, ladies included, in high spirits.

Fifteen races were run off, the start being made at 2-45 and proceedings brought to a close in good time, when Mrs. Greenfield presented the various prizes. The Challenge Cup was comfortably won by the 62nd Company with the 77th next. There was a dead-heat for second place in the 100 yards, and as it was a matter of points, it was run off after the eleventh event and another very close race resulted. The finest Tug-of-War, it has been our lot to see for a long time, was the Lascars, which lasted over twelve minutes and many of the contestants needed help to revive when it was over. The results were as under:—

I.—120 YARDS, HURDLES.

Gr. Everton..... 1
Sergt. Reynolds..... 2
Gr. Guest..... 3

Won in 20 seconds.

2.—BOOT RACE. (Lascars).

Competitors to take off their boots which were then mixed up, start from a point 50 yards away, run to them and put them on, properly laced, first back to starting post to win.

Kasi Ram Sawanath..... 1
Putlaji Salunka..... 2
Changru Kadan..... 3

3.—100 YARDS, FLAT.

Gr. Guest..... 1
Gr. McCormack..... 2
Bombr. Everton..... 3

Gr. Guest got away in front and won well by a yard in 12 secs., the other two dead-heating. On running off Gr. Cormack just won on the tape in 12 1-5 secs., securing second place.

4.—BOOT RACE. (R. G. A.). Conditions same as before,

Gr. Brum..... 1
Gr. Skeates..... 2
Gr. O'Brien..... 3

O'Brien was the first to pick out his pair but had not taken the precaution of previously loosening them and Brum won easily.

5.—440 YARDS, PLATE.

Gr. McCormack..... 1
Gr. McCheque..... 2
Bombr. Everton..... 3

Out of six that started, three had enough when it came to racing home. Guest made the pace but dropped out and the race was a procession.

Time:—1min. 4⅘secs.

6.—LASCARS TUG-OF-WAR.

No. 1 Section beat No. 2.

This pull was a very fine one being at the end merely a trial of endurance. No. 1 first got their opponents all over but the Anchor man, but so well did No. 2 pull that they got level again they had, however, crowded together too much in their turning and going all to pieces were pulled over in 12 mins. 72-5 secs.

7.—INTER COMPANY TUG-OF-WAR.

77th Co. beat 62nd Co.

This event really was postponed to eleventh on the list and gradually gain ground; 77 pulled their opponents over steadily in 4 mins. 11 secs.

8.—440 YARDS, FLAT. Open to Native Troops. Bombay Garrison.

Iso Chowgli..... 1
Sultan Khan..... 2
Naik Elam Din..... 3

All sepoys of the 109th.

The winner led throughout and won easily with a good race for second place.

Time:—1 min. 1 4/5 secs.

9.—SACK FIGHT.

77th Co. easily beat 62nd Co., all four of the former being in the circle, out of which they had pushed the others at the finish. 77th and 70th then met but after a hard and distinctly dusty set to the sacks for the most part ripped up and the match was voted a draw.

10—1 Mile. open to British Troops Bombay Garrison, Bombay Police and Bombay Volunteers.

Lce.-Cpl. Powell, Royal Scots..... 1
Lce.-Cpl. Smith, Royal Scots..... 2
Gr. Machim, 77 R. G. A..... 3
Gr. McCornick, 77 R. G. A..... 4
Gr. McCheque, 77 R. G. A..... 5

All five places were checked for marks towards the Cup.

Powell lay handy throughout and coming away before the final bend won easily; Smith also won an easy second.

Time:—5 mins. 15 1/5 secs.

11.—N. C. O'S RACE FOR PRIZE PACKETS.

A very large field started and there was a tremendous struggle for the cases and baskets laid out. A ham, cigars, and other useful finds were made, but perhaps the most strenuous fight was rewarded with a large brick.

12.—The Boot Race was an amusing event. The different sides had to run with legs each side of the wooden pole.

13.—BAND RACE.

Bandman Mackay (Clarionet)..... 1.
" Copeland (Picolo)..... 2.
" Hough (French Horn)..... 3.

With the runners all playing their respective instruments, the advantage held by the first two was obvious.

14—CONSOLATION RACE.—220 yds.

Gr. Crows..... 1.
Gr. Igo..... 2
Gr. Snelling..... 3.

Crows led all the way and won fairly comfortably, a very close second. Time:—30 4/5 secs.

15.—RELAY RACE—¼ Mile.

62nd Co..... 1
77th Co..... 2
70th Co..... 3

Starting as usual for the 440 yds. the different runners were picked up at each hundred yards and the 62nd came in eventually by a good twenty yards. The 62nd team were comprised of Sergt Reynolds, Gr Taffe, Bombr. Everton and Gr. Guest.

This brought a thoroughly sporting to a meeting to a close; the same gentlemen as on the previous day officiated and have every credit for the success they attained.

YACHT CLUB RACES.

Motor Boat Races.

A Handicap Sweepstakes for Motor Boats will be held on Friday 1st February. Entrance Rs. 5. Time will be given at the start. Entries by 12 noon on Thursday to be accompanied by details of length horsepower and maker's speed to Hon. Sec. Clg. Cee.

Course from Committee Vessel round Sunk Rock round middle grand Buoy, round Committee vessel leaving all marks to port except at finish when Committee vessel will be left to starboard twice round. Length 9·6 miles First Boat start 4-45 p.m. Handicap will be given at the start.

THE MINTO FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 30.

There was only a small attendance of spectators and the game was not very exciting when the Warwicks beat the Northumberland Fusiliers by one goal to nil.

The Gloucesters meet the Manchesters this evening.

LATER.

The Gloucesters who met the Manchesters this evening were by two goals to love.

HON'BLE MR. FINLAY'S TOUR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 30.

The Hon'ble Mr. Finlay, the Member in Charge of the Department of Commerce and Industry, will shortly go on a tour through India. The programme of his tour is as follows—

Leave Calcutta—February 4th,
Madras, 6th to 9th February.
Bombay, 11th to 15th February,
Cawnpore, 18th and 19th February.
Calcutta, February 20th.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

Annual Rifle Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Corps was held at Santa Cruz on the range of the 109th Native Infantry kindly placed at the disposal of the Corps by Lieut. Col. H. S. Hazelgrove Commanding Officer of that Regiment.

Prizes were presented by His Excellency the Governor, the General Officer Commanding Western Command, Brigadier General Greenfield, Lieut Colonel Louis P. Russel Commandant of the Corps and several prominent tradesmen rendered their genereus supppt.

The entrees were not large bey afforded some keen contests and three days enjoyable outings were provided.

In accordance with the B.V.A.R.A. Rules competitors winning more than one 1st prize, should notify the Honorary Secretary Lieut, R.W. Fisher within 7 days after the publication of results, which prize they choose to select, otherwise the committee will decide.

The following are the results of the different events.

MATCH No. I.—Cup presented by His Excellency the Governor. To be shot for at 200 and 500 Yards. Rs. 100:—

	Range 200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Grand Total
Br Mason ...	28	31	59
Gr Barker ...	30	29	59
Qr M Sgt Clarke ...	30	27	57
Sgt Major Solley ..	27	28	55
Gr M Sgt Dawson ..	26	26	52
Corp Nuttall ...	25	26	51
Gr Clyne ...	27	24	51
Gr Geldart ..	27	24	51
Sgt Bryning ...	29	22	51
Gr Rose ...	24	26	50
Gr Hatton ..	24	26	50
Gr Coates ...	24	24	48
Gr Banks ...	20	26	46
Gr Thompson ..	26	20	46
Sgt Inst Maber ...	19	16	35
Sgt E W Grennan ..	15	19	34
Gr Chapman ..	19	12	31
Br Huard ...	24	4	28
Gr Clarke ...	13	7	20

MATCH No II.—Prize Cash Rs. 100 presented by the Commandant. To be shot for at 300 and 500 Yards. Open to Members. Reservists and Honorary Members only. Conditions B. V. A. Rifle Association Rules.

	Range 300 Yds	500 Yds	Grand Total
Gr Mason ...	24	31	55
Qr M Sgt Clarke ...	28	27	55
Gr Roose ...	27	26	53
Sgt Major Solley ..	24	28	53
Gr Barker ...	24	26	50
Gr Clyne ...	25	24	49
Sgt Bryning ...	27	22	49
Corp Nuttall ...	21	27	48
Gr M Sgt Dawson ...	22	26	48
Gr Coates ...	20	24	44
Gr Hatson ...	20	23	43
Gr Geldart ...	18	24	41
Gr Banks ...	15	26	41
E W Grennan ...	21	19	40
Gr Thompson ...	17	20	37
Sgt Inst Maber ...	17	16	33
Gr Chapman ..	17	9	26
Gr Clarke ...	13	7	20
Br Huard ...	10	4	14

MATCH No. III.—Cup presented by Messrs. W. B. Green and Co. Rs. 50. To be shot for at 300 and 500 Yards under B. V. A. R. A. Rules.

	Range 300 Yds	500 Yds	Grand Total
Gr Clyne ..	29	32	61
Sergt Bryning ..	26	31	56
Corp Nuttall ...	24	29	53
Q M Sergt Dawson ...	26	26	52
Sergt Grennan ...	19	32	51
Sgt Major Solley ..	25	26	51
Gr Rose ...	24	26	50
Gr Banks ...	19	30	49
Bomb Mason ...	21	27	48
Gr Barker ...	24	24	48
Sap Hainsworth ...	15	32	47
Gr Coates ...	23	24	47
St Instar Maber ...	21	24	45

MATCH No. IV.—Disappearing Target. Conditions: Competitors to fire 7 shots at a disappearing target which will rise 10 seconds after Commence Fire has been sounded. It will be visible for 5 seconds and disappear for 5 seconds and so on. Competitors may take up position but not load until Commence Fire has been sounded or come to the Present until the Target has appeared. Position any military. 1st prize presented by the General Officer, Commanding Western Command, Rs. 60.

	Range 200 yds. No. of Hits.
Gr Barker ..	9
Gr Rose ...	6
Sergt Bryning ...	5
Gr Clyne ...	...
Spr Hainsworth ...	4
Bombr Nuttal ...	3
Gr Coates ...	2
Q M Sgt Dawson ...	2
Sergt Grennan ...	2
Sergt Major Solley ...	2
Sergt-Instar Maber ...	1
Gr Banks ...	0

MATCH No. V.—Prize value Rs. 50 presented by Messrs. Rose & Co. to be shot for at 200 and 500 yards under B. V. A. R. A. Rules.

	Range 200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Grand Total.
Gr Clyne ..	31	32	63
Sergt Bryning ...	29	31	60
Gr Barker ...	32	24	56
Sergt Grennan ...	23	32	55
Gr Banks ...	25	30	55
Bomb Mason ...	27	27	54
Sgt Maj Solley ...	28	26	54
Gr Rose ...	22	31	53
Corp Nuttal ...	28	20	53
Sp Hainsworth ...	26	27	53
Gr Coates ...	27	24	51
Q M Sgt Dawson ...	22	26	49
Sgt-Inst Maber ...	19	16	35

MATCH No. VI.—Challenge Cup presented by Hony. Members, B. V. A. Winner to hold Cup for one year. If won twice by the same Competitor, the Cup becomes his property. Range 300 and 500 yards under B. V. A. R. A. Rules.

	Range 300 Yds.	500 Yds.	Grand Total.
Bomb Mason ...	29	31	60
Gr Barker ...	26	30	56
Corp Nuttal ...	26	30	56
Sergt Bryning ...	26	29	55
Q M Sgt Dawson ...	24	30	54
Sgt Major Solley ...	24	30	54
Gr Clyne ...	26	28	54
Bomb Geldart ...	23	30	53
Sapr Hainsworth ...	24	29	53
Gr Coates ...	17	33	50
Gr Rose ...	21	28	49
Sergt Grennan ...	22	27	49
Sgt-Instr Maber ...	22	24	46
Gr Banks ...	18	21	39
Gr Corbett ...	16	9	25

MATCH No. VII.—Celerity and Precision. Competitors to form up at 300 yards double to 200 yards and fire as many rounds as possible in one minute from time of leaving the starting point. Magazine not to be used. Prize value Rs. 50 presented by General Officer, Commanding Bombay Brigade.

Corp Nuttal ...	...	...	22
Q M Sergt Dawson ...	...	...	17
Gr Rose ...	...	...	17
Sergt Bryning ...	...	...	16
Gr Clyne ...	...	...	16
Sergt-Instr Maber ...	...	...	15
Bomb Geldart ...	...	...	15
Sapr Hainsworth ...	...	...	13
Gr Coates ...	...	...	12
Sergt Grennan ...	...	...	11
Gr Corbett ...	...	...	11
Gr Banks ...	...	...	10
Sergt Major Solley ...	...	...	9
Gr Barker ...	...	...	6

MATCH No. VIII.—Running Man. Prize value Rs. 50 presented by Messrs. Thacker & Co. Distance 200 yards. Eight shots. Two per run. Magazine may be used.

Gr Clyne ...	...	...	7
Sgt Inst Maber ...	...	...	6
Qr M Sgt Dawson ...	...	...	6
Sgt Major Solley ...	...	...	5
Br Geldart ...	...	...	5
Corp Nuttall ...	...	...	5
Gr Coates ...	...	...	4
Gr Rose ...	...	...	4
Gr Barker ...	...	...	3
Gr Corbett ...	...	...	3
Sgt Bryning ...	...	...	3
Sgt Grennan ...	...	...	3
Sgt Hainsworth ...	...	...	2
Gr Banks ...	...	...	1

WITH regard to the cabled story relating to Mr. J. Austin's war invention his family here place little importance on the suggested surveillance by foreign spies, His eldest son, Mr. G. B. L. Austin, has said to a Melbourne journalist:—"We haven't heard a whisper about the secret agents, and it's very unlikely that he has had all these adventures, because there were no attempts in Melbourne to steal his secret. I think, my father is either 'pulling the interviewer's leg,' or that he had some little adventures, and they have been dished up by some fable maker. The dad is fond of his little joke and might have enlarged on some little incident of his voyage." Mr. Austin's invention is claimed to be like the Whitehead torpedo, in that its mechanism can be kept secret, as it is not exposed to the eye. Mr. Austin will, therefore, have to remain in England should his ideas be accepted, as he has offered to help the Admiralty in its installation of the new sight gauge. The idea is applicable to naval warfare only. It would be no use to artillery but it is claimed that it will enable naval gunners to accurately sight a gun to a distance of twelve miles, even in the roughest seas.

AN Old Wykehamist dinner was held last night at Golightly Hall. Eighteen were present and Hon. Mr. Macpherson occupied the chair.

THE MINTO FETE.

Great Enthusiasm.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 30.

Twelve thousand persons passed the turnstiles of the Minto Fete Exhibition yesterday. The Lucky Bag was opened yesterday. Her Excellency drew first from the Bag after which a perpetual rush of anxious ticket holders.

The Amir made extensive purchases at Lady Minto's stall, chiefly silver goods and Japanese articles.

EXHIBITION OF CUPS.

The following presentation Cups were displayed to-day:—Viceroy's magnificent trophy for Football Tournament is among them and others are two Cups given by Sir Francis Maclean for champions of Middle Weight and Feather Weight; boxing trophy sent by Mr. W. Smith for the Tug-of-War. In the Highland gathering three cups are offered by the Countess of Minto as special prizes.

In the Flower show, photographic competition and show the Hon. Mr. A. Apcar has a cup for the winner of the bayonet competitions.

In British Army Mr. Framjee is offering a trophy for similar contest in the Indian Army.

Mr. Carter presents a cup for runners up in the Football Tournament, Her Excellency and the Ladies Elliot visit the Fete this afternoon and attend a special performance of Major Fraser's play at the *Cafe Chantant*.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

Good sport was to be seen last night at the Boxing Tournament at the Minto Fete when the following contests were decided:—

Boys.—(B. Class):—Boy Poole, Royal Sussex, beat Boy Evans, Middlesex Regiment. Poole was too heavy for his opponent in Feather Weights, Pte. Francis, Royal Irish Regiment, beat Pte Jefferies. Jefferies was outclassed and the referee awarded the fight to Francis.

In the second round Pte. Evans, Royal Scots, beat Bradbury, H. M. S. Perseus after an extra round had been ordered, Evans won on points.

Light Weights.—Pte Christie, Royal Fusiliers beat Pte. Rayman, Dragoons. Christie won rather easily on points. Pte. Sabin, Middlesex, beat Pte. Philpot, Middlesex.

Sabin won a good fight which went through full three rounds.

Middle Weights.—Pte. Tew, Northamptons, beat Gunner Hows, R. F. A. Hows was badly shaken in the first round and failed to respond to the second call of time. Pte. Matteson, Seaforths, beat Corporal Healy, R. F. A., the former though giving weight away gained a well-merited decision. Coporal Holloway Royal Fusiliers, beat Volunteer Fisher, professional. Bill Fisher was no match for Halloway who put him out at the second meeting.

CRICKET AT SECUNDERABAD.

The Minister's Cup.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

SECUNDERABAD, JANUARY 28.

The combined team of the 96th Berar Infantry and 76th Punjabis met again this morning on the Gymkhana Ground for the continuation of the Final for the above-named Cup. The Fusiliers went to the wickets to play their unfinished first innings. Lieutenant Bomford and Sergeant Drummer Franklin, making 135 runs between them, or 81 and 54 respectively, while Lce-Corporal Casey contributed 54 not out. The team made the total of 342 for the innings, compared with 183 of their opponents, thereby leaving them to make 159 to get on even terms. Major Sillery was unable to play for the Combination owing to an injury to his hand, they, therefore, had to play with one bat short. They, however, made 163 in their second innings, which left the Fusilier's only 5 runs to make in their second innings to secure the Cup. They won by 10 wickets.

The Officers of the Combined Regiments were "At Home" on the ground, the Band of 96th Berar Infantry being in attendance. There were many ladies present.

The Cup was presented to Captain Frederick, on behalf of the Fusilier team, by Mrs. Macdonald, wife of the Captain of the losing team. Cheers were given for the winners and losers.

The following are the scores:—

ROYAL FUSILIERS.

1st Innings		2nd Innings.	
Lieut Hewitt, c Dewing, b Rollo...	30	not out	2
Lce-Corpl Casey, not out	83	not out	8
Pte Baker, b Minniken	9		
Capt Frederick, b Minniken	1		
Capt Lce, c Minniken, b Rollo	39		
Lieut Cope, b Spence	23		
Lieut Bomford, c Dawson, b Rollo	84		
Sergt Drmr. Franklin, c Adye b Dewing	81	Did not bat	
Carpl Bates, c Minniken, b Dewing	19		
Pte Eade, c Conningham, b Dewing	0		
Sergt Tidman, c Rolle, b Spence..	11		
Extras	22	Extra	0
Total	342	Total.....	8

ANALYSIS OF BOWLING.

	R.	W.	O.	M.	B.
Rollo	111	2	26	4	9
Minniken	66	2	20	1	2
Spence	27	2	7	0	1
Dawing	82	3	16	1	0
Macdonald	17	0	4	1	0
Adye	17	0	2	0	0
Extras	22	...	..	..	..

COMBINED TEAM.
2nd Innings.

Col Macdonald, b Tidman	32
Major Dewing, c Lee, b Hewitt	14
Lieut Rollo, b Hewitt	19
Lieut Spence, b Bates	31
Major Adye, c Lee, b Hewitt	1
Capt Foster, b Tidman	4
Lieut Minniken, c Cope, b Bates	50
Major Lane, not out	8
Major Sillery, did not bat	0
Lieut Reynolds, b Hewitt	0
Extras	7
Total	168

ANALYSIS OF BOWLING.

	R	W	O	M	B
Hewitt	43	5	17·4	3	2
Frederick	30	0	14	6	0
Bates	47	2	14	2	1
Casey	14	0	3	1	0
Tidman	23	2	6	0	2
Extras	7	...	..	..	..

PAINS AFTER MEALS,

BILE BEANS BRING NEW JOY INTO A SCOTTISH GIRL'S LIFE.

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BOMBAY RACES 1907.

THIRD & FINAL ENTRIES CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

The Exeter Plate—Distance 7 furlongs.
1st Entries 22
2nd Entries 3

Dr Spooner Harts ch aus h Contest by wire
Mr John Morris' bl aus m Gambara
Messrs Scott and Marshall's br ch g Saloon

The Importer's Plate—Distance 6 furlongs.
1st Entries 15
2nd Entries 4

Thakur Sripal Singh's ch aus m Rustile 6 years
Mr G B Deakin's ch e m Meadow Saffron by Despair—Lively Seedling 5 years
Thakur Sripal Singh's b aus g Flotsam (aged) by wire
Mr S D Mehta's br aus m Blue Blood aged

The Fort Plate—Distance 6 furlongs.
1st Entries 9
2nd Entries 2

Colonel Beaver's ch a g Rufus 13 2 1/2
Messrs M Gouldsas and A Nanjee's g a h Calcutta 13 2
The New Plate—Distance 1/2 mile.
1st Entries 35
2nd Entries 6

Mr S A Wahed's ch a h Yatim 13 2 1/4
Messrs M Gouldsas and A Nanjee's b a h Lucky Shot 13 2 1/2
Mr Ebrahim Manas b a h Eaglse 12 3
Messrs M Gouuldsas and A Nanjee's b a h Caroen 13 2

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

The Grand Western Handicap—Distance 1 mile 1 furlong.
1st Entries 18
2nd Entries 4

Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's b aus h Fitzgrafton by Grafton—Clive Branch 6 years
Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's bl aus g Ballark 5 years
Dr Spooner Hart's ch aus h Contest by wire
Mr R L P De Soysa's b a h Footprint 6 years
Mr R J Marshall's b aus g Kipling

The Importers Handicap—Distance 5 furlongs.
1st Entries 19
2nd Entries 8

Mr J B's ch aus m Florrie 14 2 aged.
Mr R J Marshalls B aus g Camera
Mr G B Deakens ch m Meadow Saffron

The Bombay Derby—Distance 1 Mile 4 furlongs.
1st Entries 14
2nd Entries 2

Mr Toolsidass Tejpals B a h Scarlet 4 years
The Gaye Cup—Distance 6 furlongs
1st Entries 14
2nd Entries 1

Mr J D Scotts B aus g Duplex II 14 1 3/4

The Tem Lo Mesarier Plate—Distance 7 furlongs
1st Entries 15
2nd Entries Nil

Thakur Sripal Singhs ch a h Omar 13 3-1/2 by wire
The Melton Plate—Distance 6 furlongs
1st Entries 49
2nd Entries 7

Mr S A Wahed, ch a h Yatim 13 2 1/4
Messrs M Gouuldsas and A Nanjees ch a h Nassar 13 3 3/4

THIRD-DAY MONDAY FEBRUARY 18.

The Flying Plate—Distance 5 furlongs
1st Entries 20
2nd Entries 2

Hon'ble Mr A A Apears Bl aus m Aerioch by Lochiel Fiancee 6 years
Thakur Sripal Singhs ch aus m Rustile

The Mahalaxhmi Plate—Distance 1 Mile
1st Entries 18
2nd Entries 4

Hon'ble Mr A A Apears Bl aus g Ballark
Mr John Morris Bl aus m Gambara
Mr John Morris B aus m Metal Maid
Mr J D Scotts B E m Honest Lady
Mr G B Deaken's ch E g Beaneers by Tyrant La Belle 6 years
Thakur Sripal Singhs B aus g Flotsam by wire

The Salectic Plate—Distance 6 furlongs
1st Entries 11
2nd Entries 1

Mr F M Garda's B a h Kour Sahib 13 3-1/2 aged

The Steward's Purse—Distance 8 furlongs
1st Entries 7
2nd Entries Nil

Mr I B ch aus m Florrce 14 2
Mr I D Scotts B Sth af h h Pat C 14 1

The Town Plate—Distance 1 Mile
1st Entries 20
2nd Entries Nil

Mr Toolsidas Tejpal's g a h Antics 13 3-12
Messrs M Gouldsas' A Nanjee and S A Wahed's g a h Highborn 12 3-1/4

The Midget Plate—Distance 6 furlongs
1st Entries 17
2nd Entries Nil

Colonel Beaver's ch a g Rufus 13 2-1/2

FOURTH DAY WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20

The Mansfield Plate Distance 6 furlongs
1st Entries 18
2nd Entries 1

Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's Bl aus m Airlech
Thakur Sripal Singh's ch aus m Rustle
Mr John Morris' B aus m Metal Maid
Mr John Morris' Bl aus m Gambara
Messrs Scott and Marshall's Br eb g Saloon

Colaba Plate—Distance 1-1/4 Miles
1st Entries 14
2nd Entries 9

Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's Bl aus g Ballark
Mr I D Scott's B E Honest Lady
Mr G B Deakin's ch e g Beaneero

The Second Dealer's—Distance 1 Mile
1st Entries 30
2nd Entries 9

Mr Ali bin Talib's ch a h Great Shot aged
Mr A Razak's br a h Sherlock 5 years
Messrs M Gouuldsas and A Nanjee's ch a h Nassar 13 3 3/4 4 years
Mr Pestonjee Framjee's b a h Come Soon 4 years

The Imperial Plate—Distance 5 furlongs.
1st Entries 14
2nd Entries 1

Mr J B's ch aus m Florrie 14 2
Mr J D Scott's b aus g Duplex II 14 1 3/4
Mr J D Scott's b Sth af h Pat C 14 1

FIFTH DAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

The Byculla Club Cup—Distance 1 mile 5 furlongs 72 yards.
1st Entries 15
2nd Entries 2

Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's b aus h Felsgrafton
Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's bl aus g Ballark
Mr R L P De Soysa's b e h Footprint
Mr G B Deakens ch e g Beaneers
Mr R J Marshalls b aus g Kipling

The Stand Plate—Distance 6 furlongs.
1st Entries 22
2nd Entries 2

Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's bl aus m Airloch
Thakur Sripal Singh's ch aus m Rustle
Messrs Scott and Marshall's br eb g Saloon
Mr G B Deakin's ch e m Meadow Saffron
Thakur Sripal Singh's b aus g Flotsam by wire

THE LADIES' CORNER.

A SEASON OF STRIPES.

We are certainly in for a season of stripes, writes a lady correspondent in Paris. The old-world gowns worn in "Werther" at the Opera Comique have added strength to a mode which was already floated, and the loveliest striped materials will be called into use for our evening gowns as the spring season opens. Striped gauzes and Indian muslins will be in great demand, and already they are to be had in the most delicate and attractive colourings—faintest shell-pink and ivory, palest blue and oyster-white, pearl-grey in connexion with pale salmon and ivory stripes. Some of the "Werther" gowns showed stripes running round the dress instead of in perpendicular lines, from waist to hem. This is a very old-fashioned idea, and it was in favour with our great-great-grandmothers. It is not a becoming style, and none but a first-rate artist could successfully manipulate stripes in this position. The sleeves of the dress I am just now discussing were absolutely tight, and reached right down to the wrists; the effect of the stripes running round the arm was very curious, and it tended to give an appearance of superfluous flesh.

A PICTURESQUE GOWN.

At a five-o'clock—given last week by one of the most popular women in Paris—the niece of the hostess wore a picture gown which might have been copied from one of the "Werther" costumes. The material was finest silk gauze, with pale grey and white stripes, and the most fascinating little salmon pink flowers scattered irregularly over these stripes. The skirt was gathered at the waist, and was perfectly plain, slightly trained and mounted on soft pleatings of ivory chiffon. The bodice was tight and pointed in front, and the sleeves reached only to the elbow and were also very tight, with gathered frills of pale grey taffetas at the elbows. Over the shoulders there was a quaintfichu of grey taffetas, and tucked away at the breast a big bunch of La France roses. The whole effect was very striking, all the more so because of the studied simplicity of the costume. We shall certainly see a revival of pictures que fashions this coming season, but not for ordinary wear. For special occasions at the Opera or for dinner parties between intimate friends dresses copied from pictures by Gainsborough and Sir Joshua will make their appearance, but for ordinary street wear the tailor-made will hold its own.

THE PAQUIN GOWN.

It is always a special pleasure to wander through the spacious showrooms of Paquin (Limited), whose artistic gowns are universally known and admired. There are many lovely creations in evening igowns, which repaire to be seen. Description fails to give the right impression, and these are all much reduced. Amongst the day gowns was a charming cloth of deep amethyst, with a check velvet erosage, and a mantle trimmed with chinchilla; and another in a beautiful tone of dead-leaf green cloth, with a bodice of nil green taffetas, striped with dead-leaf velvet, and a long coat trimmed chinchilla. A delightful model was in striped green and Bordeau, with a Directoire coat trimmed with claret velvet, and yet another in vieux rose cloth, with Indian hand emboriderics, which was charming, and also a brown and white check velvet gown with embroidered vest was a true Paquin.

SOCIAL LIFE AMONG SPIDERS.

Mr. N. S. Jambunatha Iyer at this work's session of the South Indian Association, delivered a lecture on "Social Life Among Spiders," in the course tof which he said :—

Like their Remote cousins, the mosquitoes and bugs, spiders are otnnipresent ; but they are not in the least mischievous or loathsome and do no injury to man or his belongings. On the other hand, they are our best benefactors—the sweepers and the seavangers—creatures that specially keep within limits the ever increasing insect population which become pests to men. Almost all the animals found on the surface of the globe can be broadly classified as solitary or social. Thus it was that Simon. French arcinologist, hazardeol a statement that some spiders exhibit a firm of social living. But the question as to the existence of communal spiders isin debated one. Fresh from the study of social insects, when I began investigating into the habits of South Indian spiders, I had my own suspicions as to existence of some form of social living among spiders. One of my morning rambles, some day in the month of March, 1893, led me to discover a group of spiders which, I believe, is entitled to be called "Social Spiders." A number of these spiders live in a sponge-like nest, which consists of a ramified net-work of inter-communicative canals, with a number of openings outside the nest. The nest is often seen attached to the ends of branches of trees or the leaves of the prickly pear. It is ash-grey in colour and is made of dried leaves and refuse matter of their food, lined over with their thick, sticky threads. The nest offers an agreeable back-ground for the spiders sitting over it for they are also of the same colour and are thus given the necessary protection. A number of sheet like webs radiate from the nest, sometimes in one, sometimes in many directions. At a given spot we may often find five or six nests built over the leaves of the prickly pear with a number of webs connecting one another—thus establishing means of communication between one nest and another.

The number of spiders that live in a nest varies from forty to one hundred. Males add females occupy the same nest, the proportion being one to seven. Sometimes the number of males is less. In almost everything except in size and palpal organs the male resembles the female. From our study of the measurements of the two, the male is not the denuded and dwarfed individual that we find in many of the species belonging to the family *Esperidae*. Only, in place of the black streaks and stripes we meet with brown ones. The prickly pear bushes appear to be their favourite resort. But sometimes the branches of some of the thorny plants serve them as well. Sometimes a whole tree has been found covered with the nests of these spiders, the leaves being hardly visible. On tops of hills also I have found these nests. If they build their nests on the prickly pear the leaves serve as bases or flooring. If on the ends of the branches of trees the leaves are so used as to serve as partition walls or roofs for their silken dwelling, plastered and cemented by mrans of their silk. In every case the refuse matter of their food also serves the animals as convenient for thickening the walls of their nest.

Now, as to the way in which they build their webs—those clever snares which the animals throw out to catch the incautious among the insect world. The web consists of longitudinal and zig-zag lines. If the web is to be a horizontal sheet, a main line is made of the finest, strongest, yellowish silk threads with a lustre all their own. This main line is laid by the joint labour of six or seven spiders, which move over the line a number of times and thus thicken it. Other lines are laid connecting this main line with the rest in all directions. Having now finished the warp lines of the web, the spiders begin the process of regular weaving. The spiders at work in different places settle at those places and begin to spin out their thick, smoke-like, sticky threads to lay them between, in connecting the lines for their web. The threads so taken are laid without any regard to either precision or symmetry, their only object being somehow to fill the space and make a net. These transverse, sticky lines can be drawn out ten times their ordinary length and are thus eminently elastic.

Two facts have been clearly recorded about the habits of this group of spiders, (1) the joint action and the willing co-operation of a number of them to achieve a definite end; (2) the partaking of the meal brought by one or more by any and every spider that happens to get near it, the former showing, apparently, no resentment. These two facts, together with what has been noted in connection with web-building, point towards the conclusion that the spiders we are considering certainly exhibit a form of social living, which is, so far as I am aware, rarely met with, and therefore has not as yet been noted in the spider world.

After a brief survey of the sexual habits of the other groups, to light upon that of the social spider is like reaching an oasis in the midst of a desert. Everything here is bright and cheering. The absence of disparity in size and colour between the sexes, the friendly and communal living of the males and females in the same nest, and, lastly, the happy and almost affectionate relation that subsists between the sexes, indicate a high order of development. The savage and beastlike nature of the females exhibited in other groups is never found among the female spiders of this group. No more do the heart-rending scenes of lost limbs and lost lives pain the heart of the observer. Here there is all harmony, all peace.

Lastly, as to their distribution. The area under my observation limits itself to South India. So far as I have seen, and I have visited some of the typical districts, such as South Arcot, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Malabar, Chingleput, Madura, Trichinopoly and Tanjore, this group or rather species, is more or less universally distributed throughout these districts. On the top of the Tripati Hills, in North Arcot, at an elevation of some 500 ft. above the sea, I saw their nests. Considering the facilities they have for safe and speedy disposal, one need not wonder at their wide distribution. The young ones may sometimes be detected while on their aerial voyages to near and distant places as the winds permit them to go. At other times one solitary spider, more or less in the adult condition, ventures out and settles near, or a little away from, the mother colony. Only once I had the pleasure to find a happy pair, a male and a female, perhaps in the enjoyment of their honeymoon, ready to orginate a new colony. At times a female, while in the act of web-building, may be carried away by the wind and thus plant a new colony.

BY THE WAY.

TAKING A LICENCE.

MY TOURING CARAVAN,

I am the owner of a touring caravan, in which from time to time I emulate the gipsy and take to the open road. I have also on occasion let this caravan. These are innocent pursuits ; yet through them alone, as the following correspondence will show, I came into a desperate conflict with an Inland Revenue officer with a whole Act of Parliament at his back. I leave it to the reader to judge who was the victor in this uneven contest.

LETTER I.—(*He to me.*)

DEAR SIR,—I learn that you have in your possession a caravan; but I do not observe that you have taken out a licence for it. As a two-horse carriage with four wheels it is liable to a yearly payment of £1 2*s*. 0*d*.

I am, Yours faithfully, etc.

LETTER II.—(*I to him.*)

DEAR SIR,—I thank you for your letter. It is true that I possess a caravan. It is also true that I have no licence for it. But I am at a loss to understand how you can have fallen into the error of supposing that a caravan is a carriage. It is unquestionably a *house*. The wheels are merely incidental. I am not aware that gipsies have to take out such a licence. For all intents and purposes I am a gipsy. Please understand I have no desire whatever to evade the law. I only wish to put the matter clearly before you.—I am, yours faithfully.

LETTER III.—(*He to me.*)

DEAR SIR,—A caravan cannot with propriety be regarded as a house. Under the Act—I spare you his long quotation—a gipsy must either hold a carriage licence or a hawker's licence. (I admit he had me there.), I await your cheque—I am, etc.

LETTER IV.—(*I to him.*)

DEAR SIR,—I am at a loss to understand how you have fallen into the error of supposing that I am in any way to be compared with gipsies. I think the suggestion showed a want of courtesy on your part. Surely it is clear to the meanest intelligence that a caravan is unquestionably a cart (I had him there), so I hope the matter will be allowed to end here. Understand that I have no desire whatever to evade the law. I only with to put the matter clearly before you.—I am, etc.

LETTER V.—(*He to me.*)

DEAR SIR,—I thank you for your letter. Granted that a caravan is a cart, it is necessary for you to put your name and address upon it. Also, as a cart, it must be used only for purposes of trade or husbandry, and to take your wife and family to a place of worship on Sunday. (He had me there.)—I am, yours, etc.

LETTER VI.—(*I to him.*)

DEAR SIR,—I thank you for your interesting letter. I regret my inability to comply with your suggestion that I should take my wife and family to a place of worship by caravan. I don't think the Vicar would like it. Besides, I have no wife and family. But I am at a loss to understand how you could have fallen into the error of supposing that a caravan is a cart. Nothing could be further from the truth. As this caravan of mine is made to "ply for hire, it" the only possible conclusion is that it is a *cab*. I hope you will allow the matter to rest there. For myself I admit that it is comforting to me to know once and for all that it is a cab. I have often vaguely wondered what it was. Please understand that I have no desire whatever to evade the law. I only wish to put the matter clearly before you.—I am, etc.

LETTER VII.—(*He to me.*)

DEAR SIR,—As it is not kept *solely* for purpose of plying for hire, your caravan cannot be classed as a cab. In any case it must have paid a hackney carriage licence,. (He had me there.). I await your cheque. I am yours, etc.

LETTER VIII.—(*I to him.*)

DEAR SIR,—I think you for your letter. Please understand that I have no intention whatever of evading the law—far from it. I only wish to make the matter clear to you. A caravan, then, is a carriage. What did you say was the amount?—I am, etc.

LETTER IX.—(*He to me.*)

DEAR SIR,—Your caravan "being drawn or adapted to be drawn by two horses or mules," I await your cheque for £2 2*s*. 0*d*.—I am, etc.

LETTER X. (*I to him.*)

DEAR SIR,—I think in future of using one horse and one mule for my caravan, so I presume I am exempt. (I had him there). Many thanks for your interesting letter.—I am, etc.

LETTER XI.—(*He to me.*)

DEAR SIR,—I await your cheque for two guineas.—I am, etc.

LETTER XII.—("*I to him.*)

DEAR SIR,—Many thanks for your long and interesting letter. I much regret that our pleasant correspondence is so near a close. But as I have not used my caravan this year at all, I see that under the Act I am exempt from duty. Please understand that throughout I have had no intention whatever of evading the law—far from it. I only wished to put the matter clearly before you.—I am, yours, etc,

THE LATE SHAH.

To European ideas the late Shah was extremly unconventional. There was not very much to complain of in this respect when he was in England, but it is told of him that while seated at a banquet in Rnme, at which the King and Queen of Italy and many European grandees were present, he suddenly got bored with the whole thing, and, rising from the table, he unceremoniously quitted the room. There was nothing left, of course, for their startled Italian Majesties and the other ladies and gentlemen present but to rise also and follow their royal but unceremonious guest.

HIS JEWELS.

The jewellery of the Shah was said to be the richest in the world. He was the owner of the Darya-e-Nur, or the Sea of Light, a diamond estimated to be the most precious upon earth. But one of the greatest treasures that he possessed was a large globe of gold representing the world. In this globe each continent and country is marked out with clusters of precious stones. Thus Persia is outlined and covered with diamonds, England with rubies, and so on. The Shah wore but little of his vast possessions of jewellery, most of it is exhibited to the public in the national museum.

DISRAELI AT HOLLY LODGE.

"To salute the painted presentment of that fine presence which I so well remember would of itself be a sufficient object for a pilgrimage to Holly Lodge." As, in his most solemnly caressing manner, Benjamin Disraeli, not yet Lord Beaconsfield, said these words to his Highgate hostess, he pointed to the portrait of her father, then hung on the walls of the villa on the "northern heights." It was, by the bye, at Highgate that, answering Sir Henry Irving's question as to the best House of Commons speaker he had ever heard, Disrnell replied unhesitatingly, "Daniel Whittle Harvey." Before that, however, he had given the palm to the late Baroness's father. The tribute is contained in one of his earliest and least-known novels, "The Young Duke."

PROSPERITY OF KING'S COLLEGE.

According to the annual report, just issued, King's College, which is now affiliated to the reconstituted Unsversity of London, continues to make remarkable progress. During the past five years the number of students in all departments of the college has increased from 5,145 to 6,897; of martriculated students from 325 to 564; and of "internal" students of London University from 104 to 300. Special donations to the amount of £43,860 have been received, out of which about £27,000 has been idevoted to clearing the college from debt. The salaries of the professors, who are now, except in the theological faculty, freed from all religious tests, have been largely increased. The accommodation for many departments has been doubled.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	1	2
B Mandvi, Chukla, Comarkhadi and Dongri	1	1	15
C Market, Dhobi Talao Panaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada ..	8	6	17
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi	0	0	8
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	2	0	18
F Parel, Sewree and Sion....	1	0	6
G Mahim and Worli	1	1	9
Water Division....	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown ..	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	7
Total.....	11	9	83
Total plague deaths to date..	124,426		
Same date last year	10	1	74

MEN AND MATTERS.

THE KING AND HIS TREASURES.

KING EDWARD has long ago proved himself to be largely endowed with old-time chivalry, but he also has the reputation, in spite of the "hustle" of the German Emperor, of being the most modern reigning monarch. Old-fashioned methods, where inferior to modern ones, find no favour in his eyes, and he has recently given a strong illustration of this by thoroughly overhauling the Royal palaces. He first turned his attention to Windsor. Here he was presented with the spectacle of the most historic castle in the world filled to overflowing with treasures of inestimable value, yet, beyond the merest preliminary precautions, there was no adequate protection from fire. Once let the ravenous element obtain a hold, and the great historical monument with its priceless pectures, armour, plate, furniture, and jewels might easily be transformed into a heap of smouldering ashes. So His Majesty's first protective step was the complete installation of electric light thus removing the necessity for naked lights. Next he turned his attention to a defensive scheme, and, so that he might have the advantage of expert advice, called in Inspector Fox of the London Salvage Corps.

THE WINDSOR CASTLE FIRE BRIGADE.

The result is that Windsor Castle has now its own fire brigade of twenty-three members. They are of the Lord Chamberlain's department, and Mr. G. E. Miles, Inspector of the Palace, is the Chief Officer. The appliances and arrangements for fire-fighting are the most complete, and it is thought, should an outbreak occur, it could not possibly spread, for the combative measures are so severe. The brigade is frequently called upon to attend to a mock outbreak, and the members, who wear a significant uniform, work with precision and dispatch. While a certain number turn their attention to the fire fiend, a section devotes all its energies in carrying the treasures to a place of safety—a necessary strategy, for the treasures of Windsor are valued at many millions.

THE BARONESS AS MATCHMAKER.

Perhaps one reason why the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts remained so young to the very end of her life was the immense interest she took in the young people about her, and even, be it whispered, in their love affairs. In this matter the famous philanthropist delighted to play the part of fairy-godmother, and that both in a material sense—she helped several loving couples to start in double harness earlier than they would otherwise have done—and with the assistance which is given by true and delicate sympathy. It was to her that H. M. Stanley first confided his love for Miss Dorothy Tennant. The great explorer and the brilliant amateur artist had first met in the historic drawing-room at Stratton Street, and I believe I am right in saying that it was there that they first clasped hands after Stanley's return from Darkest Africa. Be that as it may, "the Baroness" was the most honoured guest as the wedding which followed so shortly after, and she showed herself determinedly cheerful throughout the whole of the great reception which followed the ceremony in Westminster Abbey, despite of the fact that the bridegroom, seized with sudden illness, was not present, and that the wildest rumours as to his condition were being whispered among the distinguished company !

LOVE AND THE BUSKIN.

The Baroness always had a weakness for those born in the buskin, or even, one may add, for those who could only count themselves step-children of the drama. Warmly attached to the delightful group of sisters who have adopted as their stage name that of Vanbrugh, she promoted in every way the marriage of Mr. Arthur Bourchier and the brilliant actress who is now his wife, and she watched their joint managerial career with great sympathy and interest. On the anniversary of her own wedding day Lady Burdett-Coutts often gathered at her board those who contribute to the pleasure and amusement of others, and on the first time the late Mr. Sala and his second wife dined out after their marriage was in Stratton Street on the hostess's ninth wedding day.

"IN VERY EXALTED CIRCLES."

Less generally known, but equally close, was the Baroness Burdett-Coutts's connection with certain Royal love affairs. A tie of warm friendship united the wealthiest and most philanthropic Englishwoman of her day to the late Duchess of Teck, and that even before Princess Mary of Cambridge's marriage. After the auspicious event the friendship drew even closer, and Miss Coutts, as she then was, was a great favourite in the Teck nursery, her special pet being Prince Francis, who was, it will be remembered, the chief though youngest guest of honour at the silver wedding banquet given by the Baroness and Mr. Burdett-Coutts a year and a half ago. It was therefore but natural that the Baroness should be among the very first of those to whom was confided the unofficial announcement of Princess "May's" engagement to the then Duke of York. The marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Fife also earned the venerable lady's warm approval, for there was in her nature a strong strain of romance; and such alliances as those of Princess Frederica of Hanover and Baron Pawel von Rammingen, the Grand Duke Michael and the Countess Torby, and even the marriage of a great peer with a charming actress always moved her to commendation and enthusiasm.

AN EXTRAORDINARY DWELLING.

Lord Aldenham's town house, St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, is the best of those twenty-six "villas" which were built between the inner and the outer circle when the park was laid out. The famous Marquis of Hertford, who was said to be the original of Tackeray's Marquis of Steyne, secured it, with its extraordinary hexastyle portico, and there gave magnificent entertainments. Lord Hertford added a singular object which still remains and gives the house its name—nothing less than two life size figures of savages each armed with a club with which they strike the quarters on a suspended bell, at the same time moving their heads. These creatures formerly adorned the old church of St. Dunstan, in Fleet Street, and Lord Hertford—who had been taken to see them when he was a little boy, took a great fancy to them and bought them when the church was pulled down in 1830. Lord Aldenham, too, remembers perfectly being taken to see the figures when they were still in Fleet Street.

A BRILLIANT LADY COMPOSER.

Madame Liza Lehmann, whose opera of "The Vicar of Wakefield" has met with such a gratifying reception, owes much of her ability to her extremely clever parents and grandparents. Her grandfather was Mr. Robert Chambers, of Edinburgh, the famous publisher, whose Encyclopaedia—even in these days of encyclopaedic perfection—in accounted a standardwork. Her father is Mr. Rudolph Lehmann, the well-known portrait painter; her mother has written a number of beautiful songs under the modest initials of "A. L."; her cousin is the facile contributor to Punch; and her sister a clever writer, is the wife of Mr. Barry Pain. Madame Lehmann's first language was Italian, for her parents were living in Rome. At three years of age she had a wonderfully sweet voice, and taught with great patience by her mother, her execution became quite marvellous. She was still a child when she had the honour of singing before the great Jenny Lind who was so impressed by the little one's vocalism in a song of Mendelssohn's that she exclaimed, "I will teach the child myself." Unfortunately this was not to be, for the family were obliged to leave sunny Italy behind them. Then, as she grew older, she developed so great a talent for drawing and painting that the time arrived when she was confronted with the problem of her real vocation. What should she be—artist or musician ? Singing won the day, and she studied under the great Randegger.

FROM PLATFORM TO STUDY.

Madame Lehmann was yet a girl when she made her first public appearance, and, despite a horrible attack of "stage-fright," she scored a great success. The terror of facing the public is something of which the clever composer has never been cured, and it struck to her all through her concert career. Her platform engagements terminated with her marriage with Mr. Herbert Bedford—son of "Robert" of *Punch*—and, as the music in her soul had to come out, she turned her attention to composition. Her first great success was the song cycle "In a Persian Garden," and this was followed by "The Daisy Chain" and "More Dasies." Then came the incidental music to the *Twin Sisters* for the Duke of York's Theatre, and the music for the fairy play by Teresa Haupt, called *Kleine Elsie*, which had a great vogue in Germany, and the musical comedy *Sergeant Brue*. She has also composed several successful musical monologues. Curiously enough, Madame Lehmann's first successful single song, *In Memoriam*, was sung by Mr. David Bispham, who has produced *The Vicar of Wakefield*. Madame Lehmann is a great tactican, as her bearing in the Houseman libretti dispute demonstrated. How the opera of *The Vicar of Wakefield* came to be written is an interesting story. Madame Rehmann and her husband, while staying at Eastbourne, found a beautiful copy of Golesmith's book in an old curiosity shop. The quaint illustrations suggested the opera. By a strange coincidence the idea of a *Vicar of Wakefield* opera struck Mr. Bispham at the same time, and both wrote to Sir Henry Irving for permission to use his *Olivia* book. This request was not granted. A few weeks after Mr. Bispham and Madame Lehmann met, and the opera was decided upon straightway.

STRANGE fates have evertaken many of the fine old mansions, formerly the residences of rich City merchants, that were once a feature of the Survey suburbs of London. Many of them have got into the hands of the speculative builder, and at present, the "South London Press" says, an Elizabethan mansion at Tooting is advertised as being "suitable for a workhouse." Quite a number of similar residenses in the neighbourhood have been turned into private lunatic asylums, or used for business purposes. A fine old house in Agre-lane has just been turned into a Labour Home,

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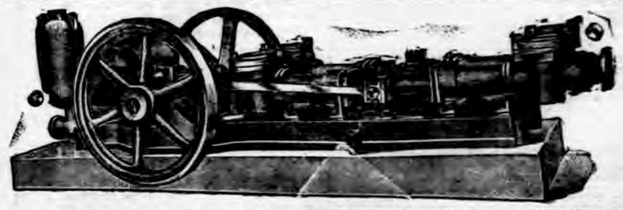

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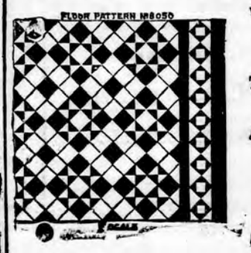

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